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Caps of every kind for Men and Boys. Toques of every kind for Men, Boys and Children.

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Saturday, December 13, 1919

WESTFORD

A very enthusiastic meeting of i est 159, A. L., was held last week. The new legion buttons were distributed and plans for the big dance on New Year's eve at the town hall were made. Another meeting was held in Graniteville on Tuesday evening.

Rev. O. L. Brownsey will speak Sunday morning at the Congregational church on "Seekers for God," and at the evening service the topic will be "Moulding human life."

Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth is back at school again after an attack of ton-silitis, and now her mother, Mrs. Lawrence, is sick with the same trouble. Rev. A. R. Hussey, at the Unitarian church last Sunday afternoon, gave

a scholarly and interesting discourse from the subject, "Children of light." Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Watson enter-tained the speaker of the Tadmuck club guest evening, J. L. Harbour, of Boston, at their home during his stay

Mrs. John Shaddick and daughter Anna, now of Allston, were present at the Tadmuck club on Tuesday even-

On Friday evening, January 9, un-der the auspices of Westford academy, a most attractive entertainment is be-ing planned, when Edward Brigham, natic reader and basso profundo will be the entertainer.

A very pleasant all-day Ladies' Aid meeting, with good attendance, was held at the home of Mrs. Harry Gumb on Thursday. A social dinner at noon was much enjoyed.

A gang of men are at work removing the rails of the branch line elec-trics in the village.

The Misses Flanders, of Boston road, are to spend the remainder of the winter in Washington, D. C.

L. W. Wheeler has received word of the marriage of his brother, Roy B. Wheeler, in Denver, Col., to a young lady of that city. An alarm was sent in Wednesday

An alarm was sent in Wednesday afternoon for a fire at the home of Timothy Sullivan on Boston road. The firemen made a quick response and it proved to be only a chimney fire and was soon under control. The alarm was given by some men passing in a truck. With the high wind blowing much apprehension was felt by the Sullivan family and in addition to the good work in calling for help through the telephone exchange the church bells were rung as a general alarm. A large amount of smouldering soot was taken from the chimney and all were thankful that no serious damage was

It was a pleasure to have Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wright, of Cambridge, present at the guest night of the Tadmuck club.

This is the special week for the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals. The money received by the Red Cross from the sale of these seals goes to help ed at this time and plans were-perfight tuberculosis.

Miss Crocker, of fected for the big New Year's ball to the Frost school, is in charge for the held in Westford town hall on January 1 Westford Center, and it is not too late | mary 1.

Spring road, has had a new telephone installed—13-12.

J. Herbert Fletcher is deploring the loss while out hunting of his favorite hunting dog, "Jack."

Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Prescott were in attendance on Wednesday at Horti-ent last week. All report a very encultural hall, Boston, at the first seed by yable time. sion of the American Fox Breeders' association.

Tadmuck Club.

Guest night at the Tadmuck club of the sale of Christmas seals for the proved a very pleasant event this seational church on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock with a large attendance of members and guests present. The president, Mrs. William C. Ro identifications, and the postoffice. Nothing needs to be gracious welcome. Miss Helen Quiggier, and the postoffice. Nothing needs to be sale are to be used by the Red Cross in this village. Anyone the provided and gave his letture. The formal histographic as the evening speaker for the proved a prince of gracious such as the evening speaker for the provide as the evening speaker for the place humor. The provide of the provide as the evening speaker for the place humor is not the formal histographic formal that grains tuberculosis. A large number of people from here then believed the incomal parish meeting for the provide a prince of good number of people from here then believed the monal parish meeting the formal histographic formal histo

The last meeting of the Grance was open to the public, who availed themselves of the opportunity to hear F. A. Hanseom of the Grange give his it. teresting description with views on cut in good numbers at the large cattle and life-like that it seemed like view of any of the herd were bought by locs Refreshments of ice cream sonal visit to the park. The next, it investors sonal visit to the park. The next is meeting will be held on Thursday every ning, December 18, and will be observed as Christmas night

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Taylor motored to Waltham last Sunday, visiting rela-

The monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held with Mrs. Arthur E. Day on last week Thursday. The usual Day on last week Thursday. The usual Karlton K. Priest, were week-end contracted. For several months business was transacted and several guests of the N. H. Whitcombs. In health had been falling, and since

from Graniteville joined the order: eighteen members were present and eighteen members were present and several visitors. Mrs. Blaney sans in her usual sweetness. Refreshments were served by the hossess, and the following officers were elected: Mrs. Janet Wright, pres. Mrs. Blaney, v. p.: Mrs. Myers, sec.; Mrs. G. P. Walker, trens. The speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Alver Hollis of Aver, spoke on the Alta Hollis, C. Ayer, spoke on the W. C. T. U. White hibbon Home for women of which she is secretary, and Mis. Sawyer, of Clinton, president. This home in Ayer was originally built sectal center for soldiers at Camp tens, under the management of the C. T. U. Mrs. Hollis is a wellknown worker along the lines of tem-

Oscar R. Spalding is cutting off a pine lumber lot at Carlisle station in the extreme southeast section of the un close by where Littleton, Acton Carlisle and Westford boundary lines converge. Mr. Spalding has not dewhether he will saw or load the lumber in log form into the cars, the lot being located near the tracks of the Hartford and New Haven railroad,

The next farmers' institute will be held on Wednesday, December 17, at the Paige street Baptist church, Lowell. Morning, at 9.30, farmers con-ference on fruit growing in Micclesex county; 10.30, address by Martin J. King, of New York, on "Growing nursery stock in New York State." Dinner and entertainment at noon Afternoon, two o'clock, talk by Miss Helen Holmes on "Possibilities in flow-er-growing for women." Everybody is nvited to invite everybody.

The branch electric railway from Westford to Brookside is being dismantled for discontinuance. The large working car and force of men are pushing towards the Center, where the work of stripping the road will begin. The Fitchburg and Lowell street railway are in charge.

'Haying still goes on in several parts of the town; some are cutting the frosted second crop and some the frosted first crop of meadow. Some of this lateness is chargeable up to absentee on state guard duty in Bos-

Graniteville.

Court Graniteville, F. of A., held a largely attended and interesting meeting in its rooms on Thursday night with Chief Ranger J. W. Shackelton in the chair. Much business of importance was transacted. It was also decided at this time to start a memership drive that will terminate the first meeting night in March. Suitable cash prizes will be given the leaders in this contest. The court is also planning on holding a smoke talk and get-together party early in January. The organization is in a fine financial standing at the present time and new

members are being added rapidly. The Abbot Worsted Co. has posted notices to the effect that there an increase in wages in its three mills, effective from December 1.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davis and son Clarence of Knowlton, Que., have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Eaton here. Mrs. Edwards was formerly Miss Etta May Dugdale of this village.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. Harry Ingalls on last week Thursday afternoon. At time the members took the that squares to be used at the quilting party to be held later.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Denio and son Donald of Henniker, N. H., have been recent visitors here. Mrs. J. A. Healy has been on the

sick list for the past few days. Mrs. Elizabeth Buckingham is now stopping with her son Horace and

family in Groton. Post 159, American Legion, held a very important meeting in the fire-house here on Tuesday night. Much business of importance was transact-

Cameron circle, C. of F., held a well day night. Plans were formulated at antined for scarlet fever, but is getthis time for the social activities of the circle during the winter months.

Many people from this village attended the dance given by Lamson baseball club that was held in Associate hall, Lowell, on Thursday night

Force Village.

dreth, and a group of assistants served; the community of the case and conference of assistants served;

LITTLETON

. Littleton cattle dealers were pres-

spent Sanday in Waltham

Recent guests of the Allen Smith family were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gil-christ of the "Braemore," Common-Mrs. Clarence B. Smith of Cambridge.

Mrs. Mattie K. Priest and son, Lleut.

Knitting colors

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honor of their visitors Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb gave a party at their home last week Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole Eunice Priest) of Scituate spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell.

. All the Littleton schools, including the high school, will close December 19 for the Christmas and New Year vacation of two weeks. All bills against the town should be

presented before the new year as the town books will be closed this month.
All bills against the schools should be handed in at once, for business con-Miss Taylor, teacher of drawing, has resigned and will conclude her serv-

resigned and will conclude her services here this term. She has accepted a position in the Medfield, Westwood and Norfolk schools. While her resignation is regretted in Littleton, Miss Taylor carries the best wishes of our people for her success and happiness in her new field of labor. Rev. B. D. Scott will preach from

the Congregational pulpit again next Sunday. Rev. Gail Cleland preached an elo-quent sermon last Sunday and was

well supported by the choir which ren lered some fine selections. At the auction sale of box lunches held by the Grange last week Wednes-

Mr. and Mrs. John Lund are the parents of a little boy, born recently, Charles E. Fay has been elected president of the Watertown Cooperaive bank.

day evening \$25.80 was realized.

Mrs. A. E. Hopkins opened he cleasant home to the Woman's Alliance on Friday, December 5. Nineteen were present to listen to a most enthusiastic talk by Rev. A. R. Hussey of Lowell on "Unitarian women and community service." Those who theard him speak a year ago were de-lighted to welcome him again and those who did not have the good fortune to be present at that time re-joiced that they could hear him on Friday afternoon.

George Hartwell left town the firs of the week with friends from Har-vard for an automobile trip south Their objective point is St. Petersburg. Fla., 1700 miles distant and they expect to remain through the winter.

Robert Hartwell was home from Durham, N. H., over the week-end. Rev. Gail Cleland was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Conant last Sunday. A meeting of the Congregationa

church was held in the vestry Thurs-day evening to discuss the advisibility of calling a minister. . Rev. Mr. Horst of Wollaston will preach from the Unitarian pulpit Sun-

Mrs. A. W. Knowlton and A. Heywood Knowlton of Cheshire, Conn. expect to come home at the present time for his vacation of three weeks Mrs. Langdon Prouty will open her

next week Thursday. Ernest Lund's little girl, who was bitten by a mad dog a few weeks ago, door to this church for three mo took the cerum all right and has had and have never been asked in. Harmon Whitton, living on Cold attended meeting in its rooms on Tues- no ill effects. She is at present quar-

> ting along well. Miss Ruth Sawyer, who is taking the nurse's training, had the mistor-tune to swallow a pin, necessitating an meration two weeks ago last Monday She is now at Dr. J. D. Christie's, con-

valescing. There are twenty-five cases of whooping cough reported and enough others suspected to increase the number to forty. Most of the patients are residents of the Common.

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About Town.

Clyde Prescott, master-elect. The Aller George Weaver, son of Mr. and Grange, and Mrs. Eben Prescott were elected as delegates to the state of the s screens, easy chairs, small tables with ornaments and poinsetta blossoms, réd berries and little pines artistically grouped lent much to the pleasing effect in way of decorations and com ent to so a numbers at the large cattle pleted, the appointments conductive to the number of Monday, but few, the number of the the "at home" spirit of the social hour. and cake were served by the hospitality com-Mr and Mrs William H Brown mittee, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Abbott.

> Death. Clarence Edwin Jackson passed way on Monday, December 8, at hi home in Newtown district. Death was due to heart disease, aggravated by a heavy cold that he had recently contracted. For several months

August Mr. Jackson had found i necessary to relinquish work increas-ingly. The end came suddenly, al-

though not without its warning.

From the home of the deceased funeral services were held on Wednes-day afternoon, when his former pastor. Rev. Harrison L. Packard, of Winchendon, officiated. was made in the family lot at West-

Mr. Jackson was born in Winchester, N. H., sixty-eight years ago. He lived also in Claremont, N. H., and in Winchendon. About twenty-seven years ago he came to Littleton and bought one of the well-known farms of Newtown district, which he carried on as long as health would per-

mit. Mr. Jackson has been twice married? His first wife, who was Miss Eleanor Washburn, died about fifteen years ago. A few years after her death he married Miss Elizabeth McLeod; of Laconia, N. H., who with a half broth-

er survives him.

The deceased was a man of retiring habits, devoted chiefly to his home and farm interests. He was, however, alrays glad to render a kind service and do an neighborly act. Naturally ambitious, industrious and persevering he faltered not before a heavy task, but took just pride and satisfaction in the accomplishment of what might have daunted a less courageous and enterprising farmer; and in his best days his willingness to do the hard things was so well recognized that his aid was frequently sought and his able ervice much appreciated

A Communication.

The following letter was received from a recent visitor in town:

In reply to your question, "What is my honest opinion of the churches and the social life of Littleton." I am more than sorry that I did not have time to talk this matter over in detail, for I since hearing the two discussionsone at the town hall, the other Sunday norning at the Baptist church.

Kindly remember that I am an out sider and speak only as near as I could make out, each one that spoke told what they had been doing for the last thirty, forty or fifty years, and carried the idea that it should continue in lefinitely the same way.

One of the surprising features of this discussion was that they ignored what I should say was the future of their church and every other church

If you would send out to each young person in your town between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five, this question, "Why does the church fall to in-terest you?" I believe you would get this reply: "Because you are preaching along the lines that they did fifty years ago, which do not interest us and from the criticism we receive be cause we are not interested, we fee hat we are not wanted."

Somebody said "The church at the Common is the beacon light of the Common." I am in no position to dispute that fact, but will say that I am sure the light is out. I have lived next door to this church for three months course. I knew the way in, but to use a street expression, "You feel a lot beter after the ice is broken."

The only community center that the town affords is the village grocery store, outside of the weekly movies, which to my mind, a good many times are worse than nothing. Personally think your town should wake up and have a building open every evening, under the best of supervision, where the young people could meet, either for reading or social games.

One man said Sunday morning that if his church was closed up he would move out of town. A few minutes besay he would like nothing better than to have them come to his church. I gather from that that he doesn't want to give up anything himself, but is perfectly willing others should give up their church custom.

This idea of everybody getting out and hustling for their own church. I am told has been tried several times so why not federate. Each one wi have to give up a few of their rigid ideas, one no more than the other, and I believe that if they all walk in the middle of the road, if only for a few menths, that they will be greatly sur prised in the improvements of condi tions which now exist that will take

From he outsider's standpoint, Lit. men a one-man town al together we long for its own good, and let me sas with there is strength" fit on very nicely. A. F. S.

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The Woman's club meet on Tuesday December 16, in Saunders' hall. Miss Ruth Humphrey Knight, soprano, will give songs and stories of the opera.
The custodian will receive from each member the sum of ten cents, voted toward the expenses of the community Christmas tree.

Later messages from the relatives of Mrs. John Parker state that her death occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Helen (Parker) Evans, in Kalamazoo, Mich., Sunday, Novem-Besides this daughter Mrs. Parker is survived by a son, Luther Parker, also of Michigan.

A patrol of ten members of the Girl Scouts, with their captain, Mrs. Blanche Allen, and lieutenants, Misses Deware and Dunton, went to the Homestead on Monday evening and presented the convalencent soldier boys staying there with a fine Victrola and several rec-ords. To say that the gift was appreciated is putting it mildly The boys were than pleased with the thought-fulness and the gift. The diningrooms were cleared during the evening and some of the dance records tried out. Mr. Hamilton of the Homestead provided a collation and the eight service men assisted with the serving of the same. There was music, Miss Dunton acting as accompanist for singing, and with Miss Deware playing a duet which was enjoyed. The evening was made doubly agreeable by the presence of Sergts. Carmody and Contiwho have been at the hospital at Camp Devens since January, but are now improving.

During the past week two more boys have arrived from the U.S. Public Health Service to the Homestead and have already become quite at home

Field Director Johnson and assistant, Mr. Wilson, of the Red Cross at Camp Devens, called at the Homestead recently and offered their aid in any capacity to the men convalescing here, having been directed by the Metropolitan chapter in Boston to take charge of the Red Cross duties here. They visit the Homestead frequently and look after the interests of the men and advised Supt. Hamilton to

The boys, as well as Mr. Hamilton's family, were agreeably surprised redice, and daughter Janice, Mrs. Lillian McGarry and son, Sergt. McGary, and one-legged race. A contest of a some-a friend, Mr. Hartwell, who motored what more quiet nature was to see from Clinton. As the party are musiand after a supper served to twenty hich Miss Mary Butler and the Misses Morton and Jones assisted. The party broke ranks about 9.30. Mr. Allar-dice, who is general superintendent of the Metropolitan water basin in Clinton, extended an invitation for the men to visit the works in Clinton and vicinisoon. The boys have this side trip

Mrs. McGarry has contributed the Christian Science Monitor to the Homestead reading-room for one year. Several other books and magazines have also been contributed for the perusal of the boys by local donors.

Mrs. A. S. Woodward went to Ayer for a visit with relatives on Friday of last week. From there she intends to months at the home of her son, Albion Newell.

Howard Shattuck is expected home for the Christmas holidays from Northfield, Vt., where he is attending the Norwich university, about Decem-

Miss Ella Hewes passed a part of last week in Boston and the suburbs with relatives, Miss Ruth Miller taking a short vacation at her own home.

Mrs. L. E. Starr, accompanied by Marion Hathaway Starr, went to Ayer on Monday, being en route for her annual trip south. She expects to join

Mrs. George Mahoney left for Middleboro last week on Wednesday, after weeks' stay in town with rela-

Mrs. E. J. Davis and Mrs. John Melendy were in attendance at the Po-mona Grange at Lowell on Friday of last week.

Mrs. L. E. Starr was one of the speakers at the Pomona Grange meeting at Lowell on Friday of last week, giving a descriptive talk to an attentive audience on the industries and business outlook in the south, particularly in the state where she makes her winter home, Florida.

Miss Ida Shattuck accompanied her brother, E. E. Shattuck, back to Charlestown by auto on Friday of last week, following his short visit here...

Eleanor Rice, as a member of the Sunday school class of Mrs. E. D. Walker, and one of the band of "Little Helpers," was given a party by her teacher in the church parlors last week, her birthday occuring on Tues-day, December 2. There were seven members of the class present to enjoy the games from four to six o'clock and afterward the dainty collatio graved by a fine birthday cake with twelve candles, one for each year.

Mrs. Earl Farnsworth and daughter and Miss Bertha Farnsworth, from Ayer, visited in town on Monday at the home of J. E. Andrews, River street, and the latter with Mrs. Starr, to assist in her final preparations for leaving for the south

At the meeting of the Branch Alliance there was the usual attendance at the business meeting and lunch. Rev. R. W. Drawbridge and wife were specially invited guests at the latter The speaker of the afternoon was Rev E. M. Slocombe, who spoke in con-gratulatory manner of the attitude toward the Community church, as effected by the union of the two societies. The Christmas sale opening a three o'clock, under the charge of Mrs. N. W. Appleton, for the finance committee of the Alliance, was well patronized and successful. Beside many dainty novelites for Christmas gifts there was for sale a goodly collection of aprons, food and miscellancous articles. The presence during a part of the afternoon, of Mrs. Lucy B. Page, who had not met with them of late from various causes, was highly appreciated. The next meeting of the Alliance will be held on New Year's with Mrs. L. G. Robbins, High street, instead of with Mrs. E. J. Darling, as previously announced.

Rev. B. W. Rust was called to New-

louble funeral service for a father and daughter, his former parishioners, who died within a few hours of each other, on Monday.

Mrs. M. M. Pond and daughter, Miss Helen, are to occupy the tenement in he Hutchinson block at the Center, which is to be vacated by Mr. and Mrs Thomas E. Benner, at the Christmas holidays. The Jewett house, where Mrs. Pond has lived so long, having been sold to Mrs. Crandall, is soon to be in the hands of carpenters and other workmen, as many changes there are spoken of, before it is occupied by Mrs. Crandall and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge, next spring.

Regular meeting of the Men's club at Saunders' hall next Monday even-ing. The speaker of the evening is to be Rev. B. W. Rust and his subject vill be "The church and the community.

Mr. LaCross from Lebanon, N. H. is visiting with his wife at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Boulia. Mrs. L. B. Russell spent Thanksgiving here with her parents, and on her return to Lawrence her little niece, Arline Williams, went with her. .

A meeting of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will be held at the home of Mrs. E. L. Tarbell on Monday afternoon. December 15, at three Board meeting at 2.45. large attendance is requested as busi-

ness of importance is to be brought up. Mrs. Georgianna Kimball is visiting ner son and other friends in Wakefield and vicinity

Myron Murphy, assistant at the Worcester and Nashua division of the Boston and Maine, in the freight office inished his work at this station on Monday as he has accepted a position as station agent at Lincoln square, Worcester, and assumes his new duties soon. The family will reside here for the present. Mr. Murphy's place at this station is taken for the time by another Mr. Murphy, who has been connected with the station at Hollis,

Popular Social,

company were divided into four call on them at any time for anything groups, each person on entering havthe men might be in need of. A pleasing a ribbon pinned on to designate the ant afternoon was enjoyed by their special college, whether Harvard, Yale, groups, each person on entering having a ribbon pinned on to designate the special college, whether Harvard, Yale, Brown or Dartmouth. All the games were of a competitive character. in which the leaders cently by the arrival of the host's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. B. Allar-funny, as well as the new invention. funny, as well as the new invention, "the peanut blow." There was also a what more quiet nature was to see how many words might be made from the letters contained in the words Epworth league. The Harvard conguests another program was given in tingent won in this contest with a which Miss Mary Butler and the Misses score of 117 words in the given time: Dartmouth delegation was second with a list of eighty-two words, most of them different from the winning list. The Harvard team were Mr. and Mrs. Logan, Ashley Logan, Miss Hazel Phinney, Mrs. Hattle Robbins and Miss Gertrude Cherry, with George Logan as leader. In the general con-tests of the evening the Harvard delegation were the winners and were awarded the prize, a frosted cake, given at the time the general refresh-

ments were served. The evening was greatly enlivened by the individual "college cheers" by the members of the four groups, given to encourage the contestants during the games of the evening.

Acoma Lodge Initiation.

At the meeting of Acoma Rebekah odge on Tuesday in Odd Fellows' hall the initiation of four candidates was

Among the guests present were Mrs. Sara A. Barry, secretary of the Rebekah Assembly, Boston; Mrs. Louise Babb Baker, noble grand of the Mary friends, Mrs. Amy Wright and Miss Miss Gertrude Cherry, Mrs. Iren. At-Lois Wright of Middlesex lodge. Dele-tridge and Mrs. Carrie Buck. Hale a party and may not leave for Florida until the last of the week. Mrs. Starr will also spend a short time at Daytona before opening her home at Green Cove Springs.

Fitchburg and Townsend lodges, but the lodges, but the rain of the day and consequent bad traveling prevented their attendance. There was, however, a large jokes. Mrs. Marchant gave a solo, gathering, considering the weather, about sixty being seated at the cells. about sixty being seated at the colla-tion which was served in the banquet hall at the close of the initiation. The committee were Mrs. Louise Lunt, chairman, with Mrs. Handley, Mrs. Prossard and Mrs. Mabel Robbins assisting, a fine menu of sandwiches, cake, coffee and ice cream, wafers and saltines being served at small table o the assembled guests, the arrangement promoting a pleasant sociability

Thurch Notes

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning theme of the sermon will be "The satisfying Christ." Sunday school at twelve o'clock. Meeting for oys in the chapel at 6.45; girls at 7.30; theme. "The place for care."
Prayer meeting on Tuesday evening at 7.30; theme, "Prayer as a dominant desire.''

Meeting of the Ladies' Aid society in the vestry on Wednesday afternoon. Boy Scouts, Troop No. 2, will meet n the parish house on Thursday eve-

On Friday evening, at eight o'clock, meeting of the men's class will be neld at the parsonage.

At the Community church, Sunday, norning worship at 10,45. Sunday school at twelve. At six o'clock a conference of the church school workers and teachers will be held in the vestry, followed by the regular evening neeting at seven o'clock.

In the Sunday school contest last banner.

Mrs. H. N. Tower's class will have of the decorations at the hurch for Sunday.

The December missionary meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. John . Boynton, Wednesday afternoon, December 17, at three o'clock. All ladies are invited.

Deaths.

The sudden death of Charles Tru-Williams early last Saturday morning was a shock to townspeople who had seen him about town much as usual the early part of the week. He sustained a very heavy shock of apoplexy on the Wednesday preceding couple were attended by Miss Blanche from which he never railled. Mr. Surprenaut, of this town, sister of the Williams has been out of health for bride, and James Atkinson, as groomssome months, suffering from a compli-cation of diseases, chief of which was cation of diseases, chief of which was tired in traveling suit of blue broad-bright's disease. His previous good cloth, and the bridesmaid wore a gown

to Miss Chilan Woodward, also of this was engaged in the livery business. was employed as yardmaster at the Hoffman were the recipients mills of the Nashaa River Paper Corbeautiful and costly wedding poration, under Mr. Clinton.

Following the sale of his place on Lowell street to Mrs. Bliss a few years to the wedding of another Pepperell

at the time of his death. lams, of this town.

of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Nash and Louis The bride was gowned in

The casket was covered with a profriends

Interment was in the Woodward lot at Woodlawn, the pall-bearers being W. N. Mault, Harry Williams, Clarence Woodward and Robert O. Coy.

The remains of a former resident, Ocian Adams, were brought here by automobile hearse from his late home in North Cambridge, Tuesday after noon, for burial in the family lot in Pepperell cemetery, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Adams, were buried. They were residents of this town, formerly, and related to the late Prescott Wright. Mr. Adams' death occurred in Boston at the New England House, Sunday, December 7, and The Epworth league social at the Methodist parish house on Friday evening of last week, which is becoming increasingly popular among the young people, was a "college social." The mains to this place: by a companied the remains to this place: by a contract of the place by a contract of the p services were held at eleven o'clock company were divided into four Doriza Cleveland, of Cambridge, who Brown or Dartmouth. All the games he has no immediate family connec-The tions now in town.

One of the most successful affairs recently held at the Methodist vestry was the Christmas sale and supper with entertainment, which occurred on Thursday afternoon and evening of last week.

There was an excellent attendance various booths were well patronized. The aprons, as an essential article for the women, in charge of Mrs. Mabel and Mrs. Hattie Robbins, were soon sold out. Likewise the food and small amount of home-made candles, in charge of Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Annis, Mrs. Weston and Mrs. Simmons. The mysteries, sold by Mrs. Jenks and Mrs. Goff, proved attractive, and on the fancy work table were many articles designed as Christmas gifts. Failing in all other places to find something the purchaser was sure to be satisfied at the table of miscellaneous articles in charge of Mrs. Sylvester, Mrs. Handley and Mrs. Morrison.

A very appetizing supper of baked beans, relishes, sliced ham, rolls, pastries and fancy desserts, with coffee, was admirably served under the direc tion of Miss H. L. Lawrence and many assistants, there being about 100 covers, and nearly all taken.

The entertainment in the evening at eight o'clock was in charge of Mrs Bartlett and Mrs. Buck, and the lady minstrels won much praise. There Babb Baker, noble grand of the Mary
A. Livermore lodge of Shirley, and
from Groton Mrs. Nora Folkins and Miss Lydia Waite, Miss Effie Winship. gations were expected from the Jordan served as interlocutor, and Miss and Mrs. Bartlett and Miss Waite a duet. A very much appreclated reading was given by Mrs. Irene Attridge and a solo by Mrs. Bartlett. In her paper on local events and doings Mrs. Buck "brought down the house." It contained much town history of interesting character and many good "hits." The full chorus renderd selections at the beginning and close

of the evening's entertainment.

The Ladies' Aid society and the various committees associated in the work of the fair are to be heartily congratulated on a successful affair, financially as well as socially, as the sum of \$137 vas cleared

Weddings

The marriage of a former Pepperell Miss Elizabeth Cross, daughter of the late James Cross, recently oc-curred at her present home in Nashua, . H., where she has resided with her mother for the past four years. The groom was John O'Malley of the same city, and the ceremony, which was a quiet one, took place on the Monday preceding Thanksgiving at St. Pat-rick's church, Rev. Fr. Creamer of-On the return of Mr. and Mrs. O'Malley from a short wedding rip a pleasant reception was tendered them on Friday evening of last week at the home of the bride's mother. Mrs. James Cross, Nashua, where the couple are to reside for the pres-ent. The bride has held the position of forewoman at the Nashua Gummed & Coated Paper Company for two years or more, and her companions inday Mr. Lane's class received the took this opportunity to wish her much happiness, and leave also several substantial tokens of their friend. ship in the form of beautiful pieces of linen and silver and other articles. Fine refreshments were served, and an orchestra discoursed music for the pleasure of the guests and for a social dance.

Announcement of the marriage of to \$50,090. Miss Mae Amelia Surprenaut of Pep-perell and New York to Harry Hoffman of New York city, is now made, with further details than was available last week. The ceremony took place at the Holy Name church, in Surprenaut, of this town, sister of the man. The bride was becomingly at-Bright's disease. His previous good health caused the change in his appearance to be noted by many.

Mr. Williams was born here in Pepperell on November 3, 1853, making

Elic Surprenaut of this town, has been town, occurred about thirty-five years a resident of New York for about two ago, and for a time they resided in Nashua, N. H. where Mr. Williams shampoo parlor in that city. She is shampoo parlor in the city. remembered by many of her former Returning here he purchased the cottage on Low street, where he resided many years During these years he school, class of 1908. Mr. and Mrs. associates and schoolmates, here, beautiful and costly wedding gifts.

ago he has er gaged more or less in the sale of real estate, in which he was singularly fortunate. They resided for awhile on the Lawrence place in Mrs. Ella Floyd, Dexter street. The East Village and following its sale re-groom was George L. Foster, an exmoved to the Palmer place on Hollis service man who was with the A. E road, which he purchased from F. for eighteen months in France. The Charles Bancroft, where he was living ceremony was performed by Rev. J Bruce Gilman, pastor of the First The deceased is survived by a wid- Baptist church of that city, of which ow; two sisters, Mrs. W. N. Mault, of the bride is a member. It was called this town, and Mrs. Fred C. Marsh, of a military wedding. The decorations Springfield, and a brother, Harry Will-lange of the rooms were of bunting with At the funeral services held at his ried under the draped American flag. Robert W. Drawbridge was the officiating clergyman, and selections of hymne were attended by Miss Ruth Hamel, of Nashua, as bridesmaid, and Robert Fairbanks, of North Adams, nymns were sung by a trio consisting another YD boy, was groomsman georgette over white satin, and car-ried bride's roses. Both the bride and fusion of rare and beautiful floral of-ferings from his many relatives and E. Taylor shoe shop and their popularity was demonstrated by a large number of valuable presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster left on the afternoon train for a trip to Spring field and North Adams, and into Nev York State On their return they will reside at 11 Dexter street.

HARVARD

News Items.

John Lee is refinishing his house or the depot road throughout the inside. The new tenants are expected to occupy about January first.

James Rutledge has nurchased piece of land near the depot of C. Wrangham, with the possibility of erecting a new house sometime in th

Appropriate exercises with the tree and interchange of gifts will be given by the pupils of the gramma school on Friday afternoon, Decem her 19. Mrs. Stone, principal, has

charge, assisted by the sub-teachers, Miss Anna McBride, of Cambridge. spent Thursday in town at the home of Miss Nellie Mongovin.

"David Copperfield" in motion pic tures was given on Tuesday evening for the benefit of the L. B. society of the Congregational church. tertainment was very well attended and those who went enjoyed a splendid dramatization of this beautiful story of the life of Charles Dickens.

An old and young folks' dance is to be given Wednesday evening, December 31: The committee in charge intend to make this the best and biggest dance party of the season.

The Grange year of 1919 will formally pass out on Tuesday evening, De-cember 16. The business meeting will open promptly at eight o'clock. After the business session there will be an auction sale of boxes supposed to contain anything from a lunch to a full course dinner for two. These boxes are to be furnished by the ladies of the order and each lady must enclose in the box her full name. There is to be an entertainment by the new members of 1919 and will be in charge of F. R. Preston. A report of the State Grange will also be given.

At the next meeting of the Woman's club, December 15, John F. Moors of Moors & Cabot, brokers, Boston, has been secured by the current events committee to speak on conditions in Mexico. Mr. Cabot is a keen student of public affairs and will be well worth hearing. This meeting will be held in the town hall at eight o'clock in the evening and the public is cordially invited. As Mr. Cabot has to leave at nine o'clock the meeting will promptly at eight. It is hoped that thère will be a good attendance.

The feature picture at the moving picture show next Saturday will be Mabel Normand in "Back to the woods." The story of a girl who preferred death to the kiss of love, by Clarkson Willer Voy co "Mickey." Come and see her around the lumber mills in "Back to the woods." There is also a grand ball-room scene in "Back to the woods."

For the first time at popular prices D. W. Griffith's supreme triumph, "Hearts of the world," at Page's hall. Ayer, next Monday and Tuesday, Children 15c., adults 25c.

A disastrous fire destroyed a part of Shaker Village on last week Friday. The fire started at 4.30 in the afternoon in what was originally the Shaker herb shop, but occupied at the time of the fire by the A. & N. Box & Shook o., in the manufacture of bushed boxes. Harvard and Ayer fire depart. ments responded promptly, but proved inadequate to handle the situation Clinton was called and came with her hig LaFranc engine in thirtyfive minutes, although the roads we bad in places. Lancaster also sent down a part of her fire-fighting ma-

Before control of the fire was obtained by the combined forces the herbshop, a building 140x40, the Bell house crisinally the main building of the Shaker village, occupied during Shaker life as the kitchen, dining + RESH SHOULDERS room, meeting room and rooms for the first eldress, second elder and don, tories for the boys and girls of t dillage the sisters shop-were The ministry shop was ruins

According to the state police. conducted an investigation, the was coused by an over-heated pa and started from the outside of huilding

This property is owned by F Warren of this town. The perspective of the A. & N. Box & She to, which was in the building. fully covered by insurance. is estimated all the way from \$05

Church Notes.

Regular morning service at Unitarian church on Sunday more Rev. H. C. Merrill at 10,45, preach the second of his series of mons for December on "The world of reality,"

At the Congregational church i. . W. Dycer will preach the mort esson. Sunday school at twelve. teachers are preparing for a gen-old-fashioned Christmas tree. Let the children come.

Christmas Sunday will be observe on December 21, a union service length held at the Unitarian church, de buryport on Thursday to conduct the his age sixty-six years. His marriage who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. tails of which will be given next week. SHREDDED WHEAT





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Saturday, December 13, 1919

GROTON

News Items.

At the meeting of the E. S. Clark ost, G. A. R., last week Friday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Charles H. Berry, com.; Warner H. Souther, s. v. c.; John Condon, J. v. c.; Thomas Gilson, officer of the day and chap.; Moses P. Falmer, qm.; Charles H. Torrey, adjt.; Charles H. Berry, representative to the Grand rmy encampment in Boston; Charles H. Torrey, delegate. It was voted to have a joint installation with the W. R. , they to set the time for the in-

Last Saturday evening some excitement was caused about town by the appearance of a bright light on the eastern sky, which proved to come from J. B. Raddin's meadow, which was burned over that day for the pur-pose of clearing off the dead grass before flowing the meadow.

The Book and Thimble club met on Friday afternoon, December 5, with Mrs. Ellen Barrows and devoted the afternoon's discussion to miscellane-The next meeting will be held on December 19 at the home of Mrs. Sims, continuing the same plan for the afternoon's discussion.

Robert May took Howard Gilson's place on his rural free delivery route during the latter's attack of tonsilitis. Mr. Gilson is now back on his route.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gates have the bors in the loss of their little daughter on Friday, December 5.

The second of the season's course of the Blood-Bigelow free public lectures will be given in the town hall on Tues-day evening, December 16, by Miss Katherine Ridgeway, who will give an of miscellaneous readings commencing promptly at eight o'clock Doors open at 7.30.

For the first time at popular prices D. W. Griffith's supreme triumph, "Hearts of the world," at Page's hall, Ayer, next Monday and Tuesday. Chil-dren 15c., adults 25c.

Last Monday evening William H. door found a man there who said that Mrs.

his truck had broken down not far There and asked if he might said. palld was knocked down twice in the Finally overpowering Mr. Fernald the robber took about \$40 rom him and left. Mr. Fernald, although considerably bruised, is able to do his work.

Francis Hayes was one of the huntwere so fortunate as to secure deer during the season allowed by the law.

Mrs. Fred G. May is to be the hostess at the next meeting of the Neighborhood club, which will be on next Wednesday. It will be an ail-day sewing meeting.

The Grange held its regular meeting last Tuesday evening. On Tuesday evening, December 23, there is to tunity to participate in a prize essay be a Christmas tree, an entertainment and a lunch. It is most earnestly de-sired that every member be present. Everyone is asked to bring some tencent article as a contribution to the tree. This will be the last meeting of the year and plans are being made for the rhetorical exercises at the high a grand social time.

Visitors at the Groton dog show last September may remember Mrs. James T. Hill's Walker foxhound that took the blue ribbon for foxhounds at that time. He is a large tan-colored dog with black back and tail: He has dog with black back and tail. He has been missing from home since Monday morning and it is feared that he has fallen a victim to the practice of trapping now at its height.

There will be special Christmas music under the direction of Miss Lowe.

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There was a whist party for gentlemen at Odd Fellows' hall last Wednesday evening. There were seven tables. The first prizes were packages of sugar and the booby prizes were packages of peanuts. The winners of mackages of peanuts with a well school will be held in the assembly hall at one o'clock, under the direction of Miss Lowe.

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Mrs. George Woods and Mrs. Ella December 9, 10 and 11,

lose a pig lately, which means quite a little folks.

Marion Kemp was operated upon direction of its kind benefactress, Mrs. last Monday at Dr. Ayres' hospital, William P. Wharton. The operation was performed by Dr. Goodwin, assisted by Drs. Priest and pupils are cordially invited to all these

fill, will be the preacher at the Con- the high school party will be given in gregational church on Sunday. It is the town hall. hoped that there will be a large astendance at the morning service, as contributions are to be made for the candy for the Christmas tree, and candy is so much more expensive than in former years that not more than half the sum reeded has been raised to the superintendent of schools will be in her office at the high school building every Tuesday afternoon from two to five o'clock. An appointment can be made on any other afternoon or evening. House telephone 210: of-half the sum reeded has been raised.

The grounds about the residence of Interesting Meeting. the late Dr. Samuel A. Green present quite a changed independence success. The first annual ger-together and others have had in he nem lead

feathered friends

ment of Agriculture, cooperating with hity singing. the Middlesex-North Agricultural soclety, will hold the second farmers' inmoun's exercises with introductory remittude at the Paige street Begain marks. Miss Hazel Miller, county canchurch Lowell, on Wednesday, here ting club changes, and Wilfrid Tutcember 17, with sessions at 2.30 fr. the title, county market garden champion,
morning and two o'clock in the after pentertained the audience with stories about. Other will be served at twe've of experience told with such simplicity o'clock. The subject of the farmers and unaffectedness of manner as to conference at 9.30 will be "Fritt merit special commendation. In the growing." At 10.30 Martin King, Jr. Jahsence of Gov. Coolidge, who was unatt Danville, N. Y., will speak in able to be present, Lieut-Gov, Cox "Growing of nursery stock in New Rave the afternoon's address."

York State." There will be often in After impromise and York State." There will be afterdinner speaking with musical entertainment. The afternoon topic will be Possibilities in flower-growing for agriculture, women." Miss Helen Holmes will be finite work. Farmers and fruitgrowers and all interested will be wel-

Harrison Hatch shot a deer on

day that the law was off. the Congregational church. Milo Harrington has a new Ford

The barber and his family have noved from John Fitzgerald's house to the Potter house on Hollis street, lately vacated by W. F. Gleason and family.

Mrs. William Gale is now improving in health. A large number from here went to Ayer last Sunday to see "The miracle

man.' A dinner and conference for the Republican League club leaders in the eighth Middlesex senatorial district eighth was held at Groton Inn on Friday evening of last week. The leaders from the various towns in the district and from Ayer were present, as well as Robert N. Turner, secretary of the league, and Charles Nichols, field secretary of the league. During the din-ner there was singing under the direc-

tion of one of the league's song leaders. Abel R. Campbell, of Lowell, was nominated as director of the state organization of the league to serve from this district for the coming year. Mr. Turner told of the plans of the league for this winter and for the coming year, and a general discussion of local

questions took place. John Fitzgerald has had a telephon installed at his house-61-4.

Born on Tuesday, December 9, a Dr. Ayres' hospital, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis.

Fred G. May has so far recovered from his accident as to be able to ride on the truck for a couple of trips, but not yet able to run it.

Almon L. Call went to New York last Thursday to meet his wife, who has returned from a visit in France and Switzerland.

Rev. William J. Ganley is to preach at the Unitarian church next Sunday in exchange with Rev. Chas. B. Ames. Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., took their candidates to Beacon lodge, Pepperell, last Thursday evening to give them the second degree,

Robert Sargent has been ill for the ast two weeks.

P. A. Weber returned last Saturday from his visit in Dorchester. Mrs. Harry Robblee entertained the Last Monday evening William H. Fernald, who lives in the vicinity of Knopy's pond, heard a knock at the door of his house, and on going to the door of his house, and on going to the door of his house, and on going to the door found a man there who said that his truck had broken down not far from there and asked if he might come in to telephone. He came in, went to the telephone, and then on the pretext of wanting a drink of water, walked about the house and finally went out. Soon after Mr. Fernald heard another knock at the door and on answering it was confronted by the same man, who lived a revolver just over his head. The two men clinched and Mr. Ferrald was knocked down twice in the door and Mr. Ferrald was knocked down twice in the door and and Mr. Ferrald was knocked down twice in the door and and Mr. Ferrald was knocked down twice in the door and and Mr. Ferrald was knocked down twice in the door and and Mr. Ferrald was knocked down twice in the door and and Mr. Ferrald was knocked down twice in the door and and Mr. Ferrald was knocked down twice in the door and and Mr. Ferrald was knocked down twice in the door and and Mr. Ferrald was knocked down twice in the door and and Mr. Ferrald was knocked down twice in the door and and Mr. Ferrald was knocked down twice in the door and and Mr. Ferrald was knocked down twice in the committee on the committee whose which whist party. The first partizes were won by the Misses Davis, Mrs. Northrup, Mrs. Durant and Mrs. Northrup, Bradley. There was singing by the entire company and also by the Misses Davis, Miss Ethel-Patterson and Miss Addie Robbie. A most delicious and varied be served. The next meeting should be served. The next meeting should party. The first particular whist party. Mrs. Northrup, Moseley Hale and Charles Wright are the committee on the committee on the committee on the committee ly pleased with their entertainment and delightful social time. The next meeting of the club will be two weeks later and will be held at the home of

Mrs. John Bradley.

All the public schools in town will

During this week Miss E. F. Vick-ery of the Woman's club presented, to the members of the junior and senior classes of the high school the opporcontest, offered by the State Federa-tion of Woman's clubs. The occasion of the contest is the tercentenary cele-

oration of the landing of the pilgrims.

Closing exercises of various schools, December 19: The general subject of school is Dickens' Christmas carols. The program is as follows: Marley's ghost, Harvey Lawrence, Stella Sargent; the ghost of Christmas past, Edward Webber, Dorothy Stevens; the ghost of Christmas present, Charles

room taking part in the program. There will be a Christmas party at P. Woolley attended the meeting of the Tarbell school under the direction the State Grange which occurred on of Miss Murray. The entertainment ecember 9, 10 and 11.

Will consist mostly of carols and violin

Willard Talles had the misfortune to solos, and a Christmas surprise for the

loss in these days of high Trowbridge school is looking forfard to its Christmas tree under the

The parents and friends of the

entertainments. Rev. Thomas Langdale, of Haver- | On Friday evening, December 19.

hoped that there will be a large at- | The superintendent of schools will

of the trees have been set down Middlesex Court Europa of Agrico's thile some substanting the set of any December 5, at Ford hall, Bost estify to the work accounts shed. Who a nost interesting program, N. The season is now at hand when chariet I. Hodwitch presided. After contributions of socials of the month of an address of welcome by Alfred I especially pieces of fit and be month? Continuing there were brief remarks of appreciated at the month feed and address of welcome by Alfred I for the specially pieces of fit and the month of the remarks of appreciated at the month of the mon and Christ states. These of us who changed an and diameter are have the common and having frequentials better three becomes and from the sades, nuthatehes and the work. The morning address was frequently less. When you make will see him by Engloyon L. Butterfield, plans for tristness do not forget our president of Massachusetts Agriculture. enthered friends tirral college. Dinner was served at The Missa husetts State Departs twelve o'clock, followed by commu-

George H. Ellis opened the after-Dinner will be served at twe've of experience told with such simplicity

> After imprompts and community singing the time from 2 to 2,30 was devoted to forums on the topics of home economics and Confor work, with Louis W. Dean, Mrs. James J. Storrow and Reginald W. Bird presiding. This closed the afternoon session

At the morning session the speaker Harrison Hatch shot a deer on on horticulture was Albert R. Jenks, Who is to speak on Saturday evening day that the law was off at the free lecture and entertainment W. F. Gleason is now the janitor at given by the Farmers' and Mechanics'

Among those from Groton who at ended this meeting in Boston were F D. Lewis, G. S. Knapp, W. P. Wharton E. O. Collier and Mr. and Mrs. W. V Bixby.

Red Cross Christmas Scals.

As Christmas approaches everyone is asked to buy Red Cross Christmas seals. The seals should adorn every holiday package and letter. The mon ey realized from the sale of these seals will go almost to the last penny toward the auti-tuberculosis battle in towns in which the seals are sold. ance will help to finance the work of the National Tuberculosis association in its support of work throughout the

country.
Tuberculosis kills producers—chief y men and women between the age: f 15 and 45. It claims active me and women in the homes, the office and the shop. It causes 150,000 deaths in the United States every year It causes 150,000

It costs the United States in nomic waste alone about \$500,000.000 annually. More than 1,000,000 persons in this country are suffering from active tuberculosis right now. It menaces every community, every home and every individual. And yet tuber culosis is curable and preventable.

The Red Cross Christmas seal drive isks as little and deserves as much as any drive in which we have been priv ileged to join. Its benefits reach all of us in some measure and mothers and children most of all.

Red Cross seals are being sold from

house to house in Groton. They are also on sale at Bruce's store and will be sold at the postoffice Friday and Saturday nights.

Farmers' and Mechanics' Club.

There was quite a gathering at the meeting; last Tuesday night of the Farmers' and Mechanics' club and twenty-eight new members paid their dues for 1920. Frank L. Blood gave a very interesting talk on membership His remarks were enthusiastically received and much good undoubtedly will result from his talk. An oyster supper is to be served on the night of

the election of officers, which takes place in the early part of January. Moseley Hale and Charles Wright are

The next entertainment in the Blood-Bigelow free lecture course will be given in the town hall next Tuesday evening by Miss Katharine Ridgeway, reader. Since Miss Ridgeway has never appeared in this town before a brief sketch of her life and work may be of interest at this time. All the public schools in town will work may be of interest at this time. close for the Christmas recess one Friday, December 19, and will open on Monday, January 5.

Nesbit L. Woods has a new motor truck for the transportation of the school children on the Boston road.

During this week Miss E. F. Vickery of the Woman's club presented, to art and personality upon the young student that after the recital Miss

Ridgeway announced to her friends that she would become a reader.

As son as she finished her course at the university she went to Boston and after two years' study at the Boston School of Oratory and with Miss Employment Greekey founder of the Greekey. school of Oratory and with Miss Emma Greeley, founder of the Greeley School of Dramatic Art, she was engaged by the Redpath bureau as reader with the Temple quartet. She was with this well-known quartet for two years. She is today acknowledged to be the best-known reader in her particular line in the United States. She has been reneatedly and enthysistic. has been repeatedly and enthusiastically received in nearly every city of the United States. In this connection the United States. In this connection hundreds of press notices might be quoted if space permitted, telling not only of Miss Ridgeway's great art, burdles of her great message. She always carries a gospel of good cheer.

Original Poem.

The following poem was written by Mrs. Laura E. Richards for the guest night of the Woman's club held re-

A GREETING

Welcome, neighbors, one and all!
Joy and gladness you befall!
Here we gather all together
Careless of November weather.
(Wind and rain and frost and snow
Cannot frighten us, you know!
They're the kind of thing we lot on.
Living here in goodly Groton,
Where Dame Nature, gay and good.
Tries to please our every mood,
And off'ring weather to our mind,
Gives us some of every kind!)
Here we gather, as I say.
On this Post-Thanksgiving Day.
Full of thoughts of friendly cheer.
Glad to greet our neighbors dear:
Yesterday we stayed at home.
No one then abroad would roam,
When the dear returning faces
Shone in their familiar places:
But today we long to share.
All the joy we gathered there
Round the freplace and the board.
Shame on her who'd wish to hoard
Her Thanksgiving homely pleasure,
And not share in goodly measure
With the neighbor or the friend
Who in turn her joy will lend.
Till all hearts alike may rise
Full of happy memories.
Come! Away with melancholy!
Let us all be brisk and solly
Laukhing here and chaffing there
Till our mirth infect the air:
Till the very wind that blows
Laukhing here and chaffing there
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About Town. A GREETING

About Town,

Mrs. George H. Cook of Nashua came to assist her mother, Mrs. Wool-ley, at the sale Saturday afternoon. Forster Porter is on the sick list

and under the doctor's care. The Oddfellows worked the first de gree on one candidate Monday fight. They went to Pepperell Thursday

Mrs. Jane Clark returned from her visit to Manchester this week

Mrs. George H. Woods and Mrs. E. Woolley attended the session of the State Grange in Worcester this Mrs. Woods was the delegate

from Groton Grange, William A. Lawrence is expected home from the hospital soon. Miss Dorls Peabody was home over

West Groton.

On Sunday afternoon, December 14, there will be an every-member canvass of the village to secure pledges for funds to defray the expenses of the Christian Union church for the year 1920. This drive is in charge of A. W. Lamb. In the evening, at the regular meeting of the church, the men who made the canvass will give the result of their efforts. It is hoped that a large number of people may be pres-

Albert Robinson received his discharge from the navy a short time ago. He was in the service about two years as radio operator. At present he is working at Hollingsworth & Vose particles of the water, which at Hollingsworth & Vose particles of the water, which at Hollingsworth & Vose particles of the water, which are permitted by a working at Hollingsworth & Vose particles of the water, which are quantities from the hill above. But you with a working at Hollingsworth & Vose particles of the water, which have reported as on their way with above, and makes traveling very difference of men have been working on the hill above Bixby-Webber was in the service about two years are radio operator. At present he is company's store, excavating for a drain pipe to take the water, which have reported as on their way with above, and makes traveling very difference of the working on the hill above Bixby-Webber where a working on the hill above Bixby-Webber was in the service about two years as radio operator. At present he is working on the hill above Bixby-Webber where a working on the hill above Bixby-Webber where we working on the hill above Bixby-Web-ber where we work when the working of the





Gifts That Serve

IT'S THE THOUGHT BEHIND THAT COUNTS-THINK BEFORE YOU BUY. THIS. OF ALL YEARS, MAKE YOUR GIFTS PRACTICAL-A SOMETHING WITH NOT ONLY A "TODAY," BUT A "TOMORROW." HERE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS:



LEATHER **GOODS**

Fine Leather Handbags and Envelope Purses, the season's newest styles... \$1.00 to \$8.00

Velvet Handbags, made on handsome frames; colors, black, navy, taupe.... \$1.50 to \$5.00

Lingerie Clasps, in boxes............ 25ϕ and 59ϕ Chains and Pendants, in boxes...... \$1.25 Sterling Silver Thimbles, in boxes.... 25c and 50c

DAINTY APRONS FOR CHRISTMAS **GIFTS**

Hamburg trimmed, medium and large size Aprons 59c to \$1.00Tea Aprons, hamburg and lace trimmed 25ϕ to \$1.00



HANDKERCHIEFS FOR **CHRISTMAS**

Make Excellent Gifts for Every Member of the Family Ladies' Embroidered Swiss and Linen Handkerchiefs \dots 10¢ to \$2.00 Initial Handkerchiefs, fine quality Swiss 25¢

Children's Handkerchiefs, two and three in fancy

Swiss and Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs in fancy boxes, two to six in a box 29c to 2.00Ward's and W. H. Holiday Stationery in boxes, new

DOLLS

Entire new stock of Dolls, small and large, stuffed bodies, movable arms and legs some with real hair and movable eyes...... \$1.00 to \$14.00

SILK HOSIERY The Gift That Pleases Pure Silk Hosiery, double heel

and toe, heavy garter top \$2.75 to \$4.25

Fibre Silk Hose, seam back \$1.50



GIFTS FOR THE HOME

Rag Rugs...... \$2.39 to \$4.75 \$3.98 Armistice Rugs

RUGS



Flosiery

TOWELS

Fancy Turkish Towels, pink and blue borders

65¢ to \$1.69

All Linen Huck Towels...... \$1.00 and \$1.19

CLOVES MAKE EXCELLENT GIFTS

Wool and Mochasette Gloves..... \$1.00 to \$2.00 Fur-lined Suede Gloves..... Washable Cape Gloves in tan, gray, black and cream; heavy embroidered backs...... \$2.69

MANICURE AND TOILET SETS

Parisian Ivory Toilet Sets \$8.50, \$12.00, \$15.00 Manicure Sets \$3.50 to \$7.00

Safety Razors

Auto Strop \$5.00 Gillette \$5.00 and \$7.50 Gem **\$1.00**

COLGATE'S PERFUMES and TOILET ARTICLES Week-end Boxes and Vacation Boxes 45ϕ and 55ϕ Comfort Boxes **60¢** Large Toilet Boxes...... \$3.00 and \$3.50

A CHARMING GIFT IS A PRETTY SILK WAIST

Georgette Crepe Waists...... \$6.50 and \$7.98 Pussy Willow Silk Waists..... \$6.75 to \$8.75

Christmas Booklets and Postcards Christmas Seals and Tags

Christmas Ribbons and Crepe Paper Christmas Bells and Festoons

Cretonne Boudoir Slippers, pink, blue, Lavender

Boudoir Caps, new patterns...... 59c to \$2.00Silk Camisoles, entire new line.... \$1.69 to \$2.50

Children's Sweaters Ladies' Sweaters MEN'S FURNISHINGS-PRACTICAL GIFTS FOR



Underwear, Union Suits, etc. 98¢ to \$4.50 Hosiery, Cotton, Silk, Lisle and Wool **22¢** to **\$1.00**

Gloves for dress and work 25¢ to \$6.00 Plain and Initial Handkerchiefs

10¢ to 59¢ Bath Robes... \$3.98 to \$10.50

Umbrellas **\$1.75** to **\$7.00** Suspenders, Hose Supporters, Arm Bands, in fancy boxes 25¢ to \$1.00

> MEN'S NECKWEAR Large Assortment New Patterns · 65¢ to \$2.00



Rev. Charles Ames, of Groton Uni-tarian church, will exchange pulpits with Rev. William Ganley on Sunday morning Malcoln, Bixby, little son of Mr. and Irs. W. V. Bixby, is quite ill with neumonia. He is under the care of Mrs. W. V

Miss Olive Tarbelt visited friends in Boston last week. On Thursday even-ing she saw the play, "The three wise fogls" at the Tremont theatre.

Frank Humiston returned to East Jaffrey, N. H. Wednesday. Plans are being made for a community Christians tree and entertainment at Squannacook half on Christians eve, December 24.

Mrs. Patrick Malley gave her little daughter freene a birthday party on Tuesday afternoon. Among the guests were Lucite Harrington, Lorraine Parker. Florence Sherwin, Georgia Webber and Arline Blood. Dainty refreshments were served. All the little folks had a delightful time.

Miss Freda Humiston is visiting at the home.

ticult in the winter and spring. It is hoped that this new arrangement will make a marked change for the bet-

If your farm'is for sale or you wish buy a farm, communicate with Fred A. Smith, real estate broker, Ayer.

HARVARD

News Items. Mrs. Augusta Hosmer, who has been for several weeks visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Sawyer, in LaGrange, Ill., returned home late last

were Lucife Harrington. Lorraine
Parker. Florence Sherwin, Georgia
Webber and Arline Blood. Dainty refreshments were served. All the littile folks had a delightful time.
Miss Freda Humiston is visiting at
the home of her grandmother, Mrs.
Martha Tarbell.
A. W. Lamb spent last week in New
York.

Mary Sherwin little daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Thaver with

Watson served lunch.
Several of our interested citizens
are wondering what has become of the
coupe which was presented to the
town for the use of our district nurse,
to the akunk skins he sold for seventy
dollars and he hopes to get a good
price for this last fox, as it seems to
be prime. This is pretty good for a
by the "powers that be." Some of our
citizens are asking "Why?"

Mary Sherwin little daughter of

Mary Sherwin, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Sherwin, has been ill for several days.

Quite a number of men have been working on the hill above Bixby-Web-

Last Sunday morning Rev. William Gussman preached an able sermon, taking for his subject "The Lord's supper." At the communion service following, two members were received

in the Baptist church by letter, Chester Willard is on the sick list with bronchitis, and from injuries re-ceived by a lot of bagged grain falling onto him recently. He was nearly buried under the grain.

Miss Helen Stone has been quite il but is now much better. Mrs. Annie Russell attended i King's Daughters' meeting in Fitch-

burg, Thursday. Lawrence Bigelow caught a fine for in his traps, Wednesday. This is the

New Advertisements

FOR SALE.—One new milch Holstein Cow; one large Ayrshire Cow, die to freshen in a few days, and one large Brindle Cow; also, one two-horse Sied, 5 single Sleighs, one one-horse Sied, and 3 traverse-runner Punga. ADAMS' STABLE, Groton, Mass.

The Appropriation Committee in the town of Groton will meet in the lower Town Hall, December 29, January 5 and 15, 1920, at eight o'clock, P. M.

2115 Appropriation Committee.

E. BENNER, Pepperell, Mass. Tel. 105.

FOR SALE.—One dozen Chester White Pigs. Will weigh from 35 to 45 lbs. each, 10 weeks old \$5.00 cmb.
E. J. MILLER, Shirley Center, Mass. WANTED—Mink, Muskrat and Rac-coon skins for which I will pay an ex-tra high price. H. A. GOODRICH, 53 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass. 2115

LOST.—My Walker Fox Hound, tan with black back and tall, short ears, answers to name of Dick. Has been missing since Monday, Communicate with or return to the for reward. MRS, ISABEL H. HILL, Groton, Willow Dell Farm.

NOTICE

All persons having bills against the town of Groton will present them be-fore December 29, as on that date the ooks will be closed.

FRANK A. TORREY, WILLIAM H. WHITEHILL, GEORGE T. STEVENS, Selectmen of Groton.

NOTICE The Appropriation Committee for

News Items.

Special communications of Caleb Buetler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday and Friday evening, December 15 and 19. On the first mentioned date the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees will be conferred, and on the latter date the Master Mason degree worked by the

past masters of the lodge, with lunch.
Miss Margaret Hume is visiting Mrs. Pearl Carley Moses in Providence, R. I., this week, going last week Friday.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter of Masons will be held on Tuesday evening, December 16, at seven o'clock.; Work—Mark Master Mason degree.

"The gay old dog" is the main feathe gay old dog" is the main reature for Friday and Saturday at Page's hall this week. "The gay old dog" holds the mirror up to nature, it's a human-heart comedy-drama. Two episodes of "The great gamble" will be shown this week Saturday, Nos. 11 and 12, to make up for the one that was shown last week owing to the length of the performance.

If your farm is for sale or you wish A. Smith, real estate broker, Ayer.

Postcards have been received in town telling of the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Blood in St. Petersburg, Fla., on last Wednesday.

Frank C. Johnson and E. H. Longley attended the session of the grand chapter, A. F. and A. M., in Boston, Tuesday. Joseph W. Fletcher, of Westford, high priest of Bancroft chapter, also attended this session.

The local fire department responded

chapter, also attended this session.

The local fire department responded to a call from Harvard last week Friday and assisted in saving the former Shaker Village, from destruction. The fire started in a pile of waste wood near the A. & N. Box & Shook Company's mill, burning that building, the old Bell house and another building, as it could not be moved from beside the burning building in time to save it, The loss to the company is estimated at \$30,000, which is said to be covered by insurance, and the loss to the Shaker community, which is now owned by Fiske Warren, is estimated at \$10,000. Apparatus and men from Camp Devens and some of the surrounding towns responded to help the Harvard fire department, the Ayer department remaining on the scene all night. The Ayer truck showed its worthiness in pumping steady two streams of water for fully nine hours over 1200 feet of hose being attached to its pump.

Alfred Yates, while driving his

to its pump.

Alfred Yates, while driving his Dodge truck on Monday night, skidded on the overhead bridge and broke a wheel. The skidding was due to a quick application of the brakes because of a bicycle ahead. The machine brought up against the curbing, breaking all of the spokes out of one wheel so that it had to be towed back to the garage.

The following real estate the spokes of the spokes of the spokes out of the spo

wheel so that it had to be towed back to the garage.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded recently: Ayer, Marion B. Dame to J. M. Friedrich, Louis F. LaPointe to C. H. Girard, Lena Moore et al. to White Ribbon Home, Inc., Flora E. Newton to M. E. Davenport, Herbert J. Webb et al. to J. M. Friedrich; Groton, Walter Powers to trustees of the Lawrence academy at Groton, Edwin A, Shaṭtuck to M. H. Blood; Littleton, Margaret Wilson to R. D. Crook; Shirley, Harding M. James to H. McCollester; Westford, Anson L. Griffin to Lawrence A. Griffin land on Hildreth street, Sarah J. Toper to Mary A. Coalter; Harvard, Mary Leahy to U. S. of America, Arthur B. Lovering to U. S. of America, Henry Mead to U. S. of America, Henry Mead to U. S. of America, Lunenburg, John Smith to Eldon H. Price land on Flat hill road, John Smith to Eldon H. Price land in easterly part William R. Proctor by admet al. to town of Lunenburg land on School street, Carlton S. Warner to Hormisdas Fregau land on Wetherbee street.

The curtailment of passenger service which went into effect on the reflected which went into effect on the railroads last Wednesday affected four trains on the Fitchburg division, one of those which were taken off being the eleven o'clock train to Boston, which has been used a great deal by local men with offices in Boston. The trains taken off are No. 55, which leaves Boston at 9.30 in the morning and arrives here at 10.29; No. 5506, which leaves Boston at eleven o'clock and arrives here at 11.50 in the morning; No. 5506, which leaves Bellows Falls at 8.05 in the morning and arrives here at 10.58. No. 58, which leaves Troy at one in the afternoon and arrives here at 5.41, the last two being inbound trains, the first two outbound trains.

The Ayer Male Glee club met fo The Ayer Male Glee club met for their annual business meeting on Wednesday evening with a membership of eighteen voices. George H. Brown was elected president: Dr. B. H. Hopkins, v. p.; S. Bassett Dickerman, sec. and treas. The club as reorganized has a better balanced chorus than ever hefore and a very interesting present efore and a very interesting programs in rehearsal for their first concert

in February,

At the Baptist church on Sunday morning at 10.45, the subject of the sermon by the pastor will be "God's financial plan." Sunday school at twelve o'clock. Preaching with special music at seven in the evening; subject of sermon, "Great conversions. B. Y. P. U. meeting on Tuesday evening at 7.30. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7.30. All are cordially invited to these services.

Last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. F. A.

cordially invited to these services.

Last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Smith enjoyed a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Merton O. Gowing, of Springfield, Vt. Mr. Gowing is connected with a machine shop and was on his way home after a very pleasant wedding tour. He is a cousin of Mr. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Denio and son Donald spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Mr. Denio is the station agent at Henniker, N. H. Mrs. Denio is Mr. Smith's daughter.

Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S. will

Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., will meet on Wednesday evening, December 17, at 7.30. Among other business the election of officers for 1920 will take place. Lunch after the meeting.

Nonaicolcus Campfire Girls will hold a sewing meeting at the Federated church on Monday evening at 7.30. The local public schools close on Friday, December 19, for the Christ-mas vacation, and reopen on Monday. December 29, for the winter term.

A horse owned by Thomas Griffin ran away Thursday morning while hitched to a two-wheel gig. The horse was left tied in front of the shoe hospital at the rear of the Union House, and becoming frightened broke away, cleared a picket fence and was finally stopped near the bridge on East Main street. One wheel and a shaft of the gig were broken and a spart of a can gig were broken, and a part of a can of milk which was in the gig was spilled.

The children of the local Sunday

Charles L. Washburn had an operation performed on his nose, Monday, in Nashua, by Dr. Kittredge.

Elmer Blodgett has moved from the Capt. Moses P. Palmer cottage on Third street to the tenement in the Arthur J. Boisseau house, where he formerly lived, on Central avenue.

The annual meeting of Camp Dovens B. R. C. of A., was held on Tuesday evening in Dickinson's block. The following officers were elected: George Buxton, pres.; Joseph A. Hornig, v. p.: Raiph O. Jenkins, sec.; William H. Hodgdon, treas.; Harry S. Allen, James Tagg, James Profit, trustees. The installation will be held next month.

There will be no regular meeting of the Unitarian Girls' club until after Christmas.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Federated church will meet in the vestry on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock to complete list of committees and other routine business.

Mrs. Cleverby, the oldest inmate of the home, being ninety-one years of age, spoke of her long connection with the Leominster union, having been a charter member when it was organized.

and other routine business.

The Federated church held its annual meeting on Monday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Grace M. Dickerman, clerk; F. C. Johnson, A. M. Winslow, S. J. Andrew, J. M. Boutwell, business com.; Charles H. Hardy, aud.; Warren Winslow, treas; Miss Mary B. Johnson, col.; H. A. Pollard, supt. Sunday school; B. H. Tyrrell, asst, supt. The officers of the Congregational

The officers of the Congregational church are Dr. B. H. Hopkins, clerk; George L. Osgood, A. M. Winslow, C. H. Hardy, prudential com.; Ellis Har-

Ernest Whitaker moves his shoe re-pairing shop to the Daniel W. Fletcher building on West street, where he will be located on and after December 15.

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Y. M. C. A.—Friday evening, 7.30, current events, movies; Saturday evening, 7.30, current events, movies; Sunday afternoon, 2.30, special music, and address by A. V. Dimock; Monday evening, 7.30, current events, movies; Tuesday evening, seven o'clock, vaudeville, current events, movies; Wednesday evening, 7.30, current events, movies; Thursday, open night.

The State Grange convention at

movies; Thursday, open night.

The State Grange convention at Worcester this week proved a mecca for local grangers. Harris L. Badger, master of Ayer Grange, attended as delegate and Mrs. Clara Chase, lecturer-er-elect, was also a delegate from this Grange to the lecturer's conference. The sessions were held in Mechanics' hall, 515 persons taking the sixth degree Wednesday evening. The candidates from Ayer were Harris L. Badger, Fred A. Gathercole, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Waterman, Mrs. Fred A. Smith. Mrs. Gorham K. Brooks, Willard G. White, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Boutwell, Mrs. Clara Chase. Mrs. Chase also took the fifth degree with a hundred other candidates. Mrs. Daniel M. Mason, Mrs. Georgianna Connors, Mrs. Ella F. Hovey and Mrs. Ira Mills attended the convention Wednesday and witnesed the degrees which they had already received at previous conventions.

Thomas Julian, an Italian employed

conventions.

Thomas Julian, an Italian employed at the coal shute in the local railroad yards, was injured on Tuesday night when he was hit by the coal bucket while working in the shute. He suffered a compound fracture of his left ankle and a fracture of the right thigh. He was treated by Dr. Hopkins and was later removed to the Massachusetts General Hospital. Julian's home is in Waltham, but he has been employed at the local yard for some time. Join the Community chorus. No Join the Community chorus. No fees required. Soldiers' club, West street, Sunday, at 8.30.

Other Ayer matter on page eight.

Boys' Activities,

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The pastors, superintendents of Sunday schools and other representatives of the churches in town met with C. W. Stetson and A. V. Dimock, the Y. M. C. A. secretaries, at the Y. M. C. A. hut on West Main street, Tuesday night, and talked over methods of co-operation in behalf of the boys and the young people of the churches in town, and made out a suggestive plan of organization. It is proposed to have established a committee to be known as "The Ayer and Vicinity Sunday School Committee on Boys' Activities," which will carry on with boys the work that can better be done in union than separately.

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The church schools of Ayer will be entitled to be represented by not more than five members on this committee upon approving its purpose and plan, and this representation shall include the pastor and superintendent in each case. The committee will have no authority over the individual schools represented, but shall act in an advisory way, and help to promote a policy for union and efficiency in work with boys.

boys.

Some of the activities suggested were: Summer camp, competitive teams for bowling, etc., fleid meet in the spring, standard efficiency tests, Boy Scouts, father and son banquet and other similar activities.

Federated Church

The homes of the parish will be visited on Sunday afternoon in the every-member canvass to meet the ex-penses of the church. The people are asked to remain at home during the afternoon so as to meet the canvassers.

afternoon so as to meet the canvassers. The pastor will preach Sunday morning at 10.45 on "The church perfected through us." Boys' choir will sing. Sunday school at tweive. There will be a special meeting of the canvassers at twelve o'clock to complete arrangements for the afternoon canvass. Meeting of the canvassers at the church at five o'clock to make report, and refreshments will be served. Young people's meeting at 6.30. Miss Ruth C. Harlow leader. Evening worship at 7.30; sermon by Rev. A. V. Dimock. The young ladies' choir will sing.

Mid-week service Thursday evening at 7.30; subject, "Relief and trust."

District Court.

The children of the local Sunday schools are invited schools and public schools are invited by the Y. M. C. A. to attend motion pleture shows at the Y. M. C. A. to attend motion pleture shows at the Y. M. C. A. building every. Thursday afternoon after school hours. At these shows educational films will be shown.

Moyle James, of Nashua, N. H., has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward James.

Herbert B. Wood, of Fitchburg, James M. Boutwell.

The four-year-old son of Harry Chavin, who was badly burned last week by falling into a pail of hot water, is recovering nicely.

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Frank E. Crawford has discontinued his fish, business for the present.

Clyde Brooks, of Boston, has been visiting his uncle, Gorham K. Brooks.

Mrs. Gorham K. Brooks and Mrs. James M. Boutwell visited friends in Worcester last Monday.

M. J. Horgan, of Salem, spent the week-end with his son, William F. Horgan.

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W. C. T. U.

The W. C. T. U. held a very interesting meeting at the White Ribbon Home last week Friday afternoon, quite a number of the members being present and all the inmates of the

home were guests.

Mrs. Harriet E. Sawyer, of Clinton, chairman of the committee from the beginning and now president of the corporation, was present and gave the address of welcome and extended a cordial invitation to the union to hold cordial invitation to the union to now their meetings at the home during the winter months, which was accepted by a rising vote of thanks. Mrs. J. W. Thomas, president, brought the greetings of the local union. Three name were added to the membership list.

charter member when it was organized in 1874. A short entertainment followed, given under the direction of Mrs. Jennie Chaffin, superintendent of Sunday school work: Recitations, "Just a little sunbeam," Gertrude Kidder; "Little forget-me-nots," Leah Lufkin; piano solo, Gertrude Kidder; recitation, "A queer little hen," Virginia Lufkin; reading, "By and by," Mrs. Alta H. Hollis; piano solo, Gertrude Kidder; readings, "Why she belongs," Mrs. Luttle Robbins "How Dan kept his A short entertainment followed, givreadings, "Why she belongs," Mrs. Hattie Robbins; "How Dan kept his pledge," Miss Marion Felch; singing,

'America." The next meeting will be held on the second Friday afternoon in January.

Prize Winners.

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At the silver black fox show in Boston on December 10 and 11, 53 black silver and crosses were exhibited. The Pillman Silver Black Fox Fur Farm, Inc., had two pedigreed black silver foxes exhibited in class 1, and Mr. Pillman had one pedigreed silver black fox in class 1, and two silver blacks from crosses in class 2. The Pillman Fox Farm won the silver pelt value cup offered by Mr. Sheffield of Northampton for the best thoroughbred fox whose pelt would be judged as of highest value in the present market. Kalser was the name of the winner of this cup, which means he carried the highest priced pelt out of fity-three foxes shown. Silver Dick and Margaret won the second prize for silvers born from cross parents. These foxes Mr. Pillman raised in his back yard in old hen coops. Other foxes entered by Mr. Pillman ran strong for other prizes; also, some foxes sold from ranch of Pillman Fox Farm scored many points and ran close second to prize winners in their classes. The Pillman Fox Farm sold four foxes in the last ten days and have many prospects for sale from the exhibit at the fox show.

A. W. C.

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A special anniversary meeting of the Woman's club was held at Hardy's hall on Wednesday afternoon, which closed twenty-one club years and attracted a large number with pleasing features of the afternoon's program. At the business meeting, which preceded the program Mrs. E. B. Butterfield was elected recording secretary pro tem. One candidate was elected to membership. Mrs. Joseph Graves was elected to serve on the program committee, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Harty Fisher, Mrs. E. S. Barry was elected chairman of the music committee, filling that vacancy by the same cause.

Splendid reports of neighborhood meetings at Lowell and Groton were tigiven by Mrs. T. F. Mullin and Mrs. J. R. Chaffee respectively. An interesting letter from Mrs. Geo. J. Burns and Mrs. Harry E. Fisher received and reed by the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Bixby, described their recent journey to California. Reports from the Federation secretary, Miss. Mary B. Johnson, were read from the club builletin, which was followed by club singing led. by Miss Caroline Brown, Mrs. Lena H. Graydon accompanist. Next came the roll call, many responding with quotations. Mrs. Barker responded with a recitation, "Each in his own time," in a particularly impressive manner. Mrs. F. E. Barker responded with a recitation, "Each in his own time," in a particularly impressive manner. Mrs. F. E. Sanders read a very interesting "Incident of a soldier's life" and his poem; Sons of the flag," Mrs. Alta Hollis, secretary of the W. C. T. U., gave a fine explanatory review of the work which has been accomplished at the White Ribbon Home, after which club tea was zerved by courtesy of the program committee, Mrs. S. M. Barker, Mrs. Albert Perkins and Mrs. Joseph Graves, thus bringing to a close twenty-one years of successful and interesting work.

Charles Keith will be heard on December 17 at Hardy's hall at the usual hour in "The boy problem, our men of temorrow, what makes the boy a problem and how shall we solve it?" The music will be in chorze of Mrs. I. H.

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The case of Anthony Corey, a jitney driver between here and Camp Devens, who drove through Steinberg's store window at Pearl and Middlesex streets one night recently, in an attempt to avoid colliding with Dr. Fishman, who suddenly turned his own car directly in front of the car driven by defendant, was called for sentence. At the trial it was shown that Corey was traveling up Middlesex street at a rate of speed close to forty miles an hour and did the only thing possible to avoid whit might have resulted in a fatality to the occupants of Dr. Fishman's car and his own. He swerved suddenly to the left and tried to turn into Pearl street, but coudn't make it and crashed into store window. Defendant was charged with reckless draving and also operating his car in a manner as to endanger the lives and safety of the public. On the former charge he was found guilty and fined \$20, and on the second charge was found not suffly and discharged. Later the sentence was withheld until Monday to allow the defendant to secure bail on which to carry his case to superior court on an appeal cure bail on which to carry his cas to superior court on an appeal,

St. Andrew's Parish.

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The annual parish meeting of St. Andrew's parish was held on Monday evening. December 8. The members of the church from Forge Village and from Ayer attended the meeting. Financial reports of the parish and of the organizations of the parish, the Sunday schools of Forge and of Ayer, and the Women's Guilds of Forge and of Ayer. were read and accepted. Of-

Page's Hall, Ayer

Next Monday and Tuesday, December 15 and 16



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parish as a mission church was raised Action on this matter was delayed, awaiting the decision of the diocesan authorities.

After the meeting Dr. and Mrs. Peabody entertained the members of the parish in the vicarage.

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Mrs. Irving Seaver, Mrs. Emma Spencer and Mrs. Clara Flarity atended the Pomona Grange meeting in Leominster last week Thursday.

Mrs. Angle Lang is spending a short vacation with Mrs. R. O. Reed in

Miss Jane Worcester entertained a party of her schoolmates last Saturafternoon, the occasion being her Games were played and dainty refreshments served, cluding a prettily decorated birthday cake. Miss Jane was the recipient of many little gifts from her friends.

The Parent-Teachers' association meeting, notice of which was given in last week's paper, was postponed until the next meeting on account of the Farm Bureau, which held instructive meetings in the hall on Tuesday and Wednesday. Tuesday evening the Girls' Economic club had charge of meeting. The high school glee club also sang.

Mrs. John Sears, of Rockport, is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bruce.

It is getting to be no uncommon sight to see almost any kind of a wild animal going through our streets Last week Friday evening a deer came down through the pines on the Methodist hill and at the same time one was crossing the common. They continued down Main street as far as Walter Wilder's and then turned toward the woods in back of Mr. Wilder's house.

Mrs. Carrie Lane, of Gardner, who has been making a short visit at the home of her niece, Mrs. Irving Seaver, returned to her home on Sunday.

Gilbert McNayr and family, who have occupied Mudgett's store for some time, are to move to Vose soon where Mr. McNayr is employed.

Mrs. Gertrude LeClair, of Leominster, was a week-end visitor at John Arlin's.

The many friends in town of Mrs. Abbie Finnegan regret to hear that she has suffered a slight shock at the home of her son, Herbert Finnegan, ir Rochester, N. H., where she has been since the death of her husband, John Finnegan.

On Wednesday afternoon the L! B S. held their fair in the vestry of the Congregational church, there being fancy work, aprons, mystery packages and ice cream for sale. George Gates had charge of the ice cream, Mrs. Norris the fancy work, Mrs. Myra Swicker the apron table, Mrs. Living ston the mystery table, and Mrs George Davis a miscellaneous table. Supper was served at six o'clock, after which there was an entertainment, consisting of a piano duet by Mr. Seaver and Miss Hazel Copp. glee club singing; solo, Robert Copeland; reading, Supt. H. C. Knight; farce. "The bargain counter." Mrs. Irving Seaver, Miss Helen Dobson, Miss Miriam Adams, Mrs. Gertrude Piper, Mrs. Icea Cowdrey; closing number by the glee

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Flarity, Mrs. Warren Seaver and Mrs. Edna Bray attended the Grange convention in Worcester on Tuesday, Wednesday and

Miss Florence Wyeth, of Bayberry hill, substituted for Mrs. Bray at the Harbor school during her absence. Miss Wyeth is a student of the Fitchburg Normal school.

The Rebekahs held a whist party after their regular meeting on Friday evening of this week.

Fair and Entertainment.

The fair and entertainment given at the Methodist church by the Dorcas class last week Friday evening was a decided success, the program for the evening consisting of a piano solo, Miss Florence Misner; farce, "The Peabody pew," the characters being impersonated by Mrs. Ella Wilson, Mrs. Grace Wright, Mrs. Ernest Birch, Mrs. Margaret Wilson, Mrs. Hattie Misner, Mrs. George Upham, Miss Emily Lawrence. home with Mr. and Mrs. Ivers P. Mrs. May Parker and Mrs. Aden Sherwin, has been visiting in Wor-Swicker, each doing their bit in reno-vating the church. The closing number was a piano solo by Miss Hazel Center, has recovered from a severe

Scales had charge of the fancy work table: Mrs. Lucy Lawrence and Miss Gladys Felch, apron table: Mrs. Frank Miller and Mrs. Ernest Birch, doll table: Mrs. Ella Wilson, mystery could call, with quotations and current roll call, with quotations are roll call with quotations and current roll call with quotation Scales had charge of the fancy work Mrs. Emma Eaton, ice cream and food table; Mrs. George J. Upham and Mrs. George H. Upham, miscellaneous table of soaps, powders, perfumes, etc.

At the meeting of the Daughters of Veterans last week the following officers were elected: Mary G. Mac-Master, pres.; Alice Day, s. v.: Etta Patch house on Main street and ex-Sanders, j. v.; Elnora Smith, treas.; Ellen Richards, chap.; Mary Taylor, pat inst. Hattie E Cook Flora Watkins, Hattle Misner, council. The remaining officers are to be appointed by the in-coming president. The instal-lation of officers will take place on the first Tuesday in January. At the next meeting, December 16, will be a Christmas meeting, and each member asked to bring a gift not exceeding ten cents in value. It is hoped a good to her home here, attendance will be present. The annual sale

Mrs. Hattie O'Brien and Hattie Sanders are working in West Grotor Edith and Edna, of Leomirster were

ty the measles. Several have been your iii, especially some of the older

ones and real small children.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wing and son it! Thursday

Dorothy Sherwin, little daughter of Rev. Joseph McKean will take for Shepherd and her two sons, Elwin and his topic on Sunday morning "Our part Frank; Rose and Ruby Elliott, Bay. in the world's reconstruction." berry hill, daughters of Mr. and Mrs.

The Ladies' Liberal 'Aid society of the Unitarian church met last week Wednesday at the home of Mrs. George Upton, and a most enjoyable session was held, with refreshments served at the close of the atternoon's work.

boarding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed is at present boarding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Stickney Mrs. Lizzie Gl. zier, from Fitchburg.

visited friends in town on Wednesday f last week Charles and Clam Hosley, Bayberry

severe colds. Mrs. Mervin Hodgman, of Green-N. H. called upon friends in

town last week. Whitney Boutelle, youngest son of berry hill, has been quite sick with a

severe cold. Alfred Hussey, from Ashby, has entered the employ of the Belgrade Rug Company, and George Lovering has gone to work for Damon & Richard-

Howard Terrell got the first deer of the season in this vicinity, shooting a doe in the John Clark lot last week Tuesday morning.

The regular monthly meeting of the adies' Baptist Benevolent society was held on last week Wednesday after-noon at the home of Mrs. Lucy Lawrence. The meeting opened with scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Joseph McKean, followed by the regular business. Mrs. Fred Patch was chosen secretary pro tem, Mrs. Alden Sherwin being detained by the illness of her little daughter Dorothy. following committee on work was elected: Mrs. Abbott Hodgman and Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin. Plans were discussed for a public supper to be held in the vestries on January 7, and it was left in the hands of the fol-

Mrs. Joseph McKean and Mrs. Alder Charles, the little son of Mr. and drs, Clarence Sherwin, has been on

the sick list the past week with stom-William R. Thorpe, a former resident, visited his son Lawrence last

week.

At the recent business meeting of the Baptist church Mrs. Fred A. Patch resigned her position as clerk of the church, and Mrs. Abbott Hodgman was elected in her place, and Mrs. Patch was elected church treasurer filling the vacancy left by the removal of Perry W. Sawtelle.

Winfred Ward and family, of Jefferson, N. H., called upon friends in town last week. Mr. Ward was a former resident here, being employed thirty years ago by Dr. H. B. Boynton.

A new one-pipe heater has recently been installed in the brick store which proves most satisfactory

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wilson, from Webster, visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton, Stevens' hill, last week, Mrs. Mary Heath had the charge of

the library reading-room last Saturday in the absence of Mrs. Alexander Edward and Charles Jodery, from Boston, are visiting their father, Amos

Jodery. Mr. and Mrs. William White, of Worcester, and Nellie and James Mac-Tabe have been recent guests of Mrs. Vaughn at the home of Mrs. Susan Morgan.

Frank, Irene, Gordon, Stella, Rache and Agnes, children of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bennett, are all ill with the measles, and Helen, the sixteen-yearold daughter has just recovered from the disease, making seven in the family ill at the same time

The four cases of measles in the Shepherd family, Mrs. Shepherd, Frank, Harriet and Elwin, are reported as improving, but Mrs. Shepherd has been very ill.

Mrs. Lois Vose, who makes her Rouy Cowdrey, the barber from th

attack of measles and will resume his Mrs. T. T. Goodwin and Mrs. Albert business at his shop at the usual hours.

events. Mrs. Stickney cave a most entertaining and instructive paper upon "Aviation in the war." which was heartly enjoyed. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Joseph McKean on the afternoon of December 29 on the topic "New year

customs in many lands." Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hussey, of pect to take possession unmediately Mr. Hussey is employed at the Belgrade rug factory,

Edward Jodery, who has returned from Boston, for the present is em-ployed at Damon & Richardson's mill. Fred Richards has been on the sick

list suffering from a severe cold. Mrs. F. H. Ormsby visited in Boston last week, but has now returned

The annual sale of fancy and useful articles by the Ladies' Liberal Aid society was held on Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Merrick and two daughters at the reading-room, and in spite of dith and Edna, of Leonurster were the disagreeable storm and had trav-There are not many bomes in town the measures and success. The aprons and fancy to what have been visited recently the measures. Several have been the older to t

theree of the ice cream. Mrs Mark Woodbury and 'wo children The formal members of the dren from San Francisco, are spending the winter in town and are living measles the victims being Frances.

The formal members of the Saturday last to learn of the sudden with the measles the victims being Frances. This community was shocked on Saturday last to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Sarah R. (Houghton) Frances, an almost life-long resident statements of the saturday last to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Sarah R. (Houghton) Frances.

been visiting in Boston and vicinity, and Mr. Herbert Wise.

Mrs. Ethel Welch is reported as a

berry hill, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Elliott, and little Richard, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown.

Charles Winchester, of New York, brother of the late William Winchester, former proprietor of the Squannicook Inn, is at the inn for the present.

LUNENBURG

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Rev. Fayette Nichols, a much loved pastor of the Methodist church in 1905 died in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., No-Miss Myllykangas, who has been field on Friday, November 28,

> Rev. L'A. Mesler, another good pas for of the Methodist church here in 1885-6, is now living in Beacon, N. Y., and will be glad to send all his old friends here who will write him a hristmas card bearing his portrait and a poem of his own composition.

The new order of services tried at held at the usual time. Then came intermission for basket lunch and hot coffee was served by the Sunday Then came the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boutelle, Bay- service and stereopticen views. It was very interesting and the new order of Next Sunday at 1.30, "Views in the life | years of age. of Christ," will be shown. A gospel team and a lady singer from Fitchburg will assist in the service. Epworth League will furnish hot cof-

community entertainments which have been planned and arranged for the young people will hold the first session at the town hall on Saturday evening, December 13, and every two weeks until ten dancing lessons are completed.

Fred R. Hadley has given the picture of the Congregational church which he recently painted to the ladies of the church and they have given it place of honor in the church parlor nd returned thanks for the gift.

The new public health nurse, Miss Mildred Parsons will make her home phone number is 37 and she will be on duty from 8.30 a. m. to five p. m. She can be called at any time for emergency purposes. Those desiring lowing committee: Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway, Mrs. Abbott Hodgman, her services are required to call her before 8.30 a. m., or during the noon our, or after five p. m.

Miss. Elizabeth Ferry died at the home of her brother, Augustine C. Ferry, on Wednesday, after a lingering illness, caused by a weak heart Burial was at Chicopee on Friday.

Annual Meeting.

The annual business meeting and election of officers at the Congresstional church was held in the vestry on Thursday evening of last week Rev. M. A. Outland presiding ex-of-

The following officers were elected: George C. Jewett, treas.; John G. Gil-chrest, col.; John H. Davidson, aud.; Norman G. Bigelow, ex. com. 3 yrs. Committees—Mrs. Nettle F. Barter. examing com., 3 yrs.; Mrs. E. S. Marshall, Mrs. W. H. Adams, Mrs. R. D. Field, social; Miss Fannie C. Graves, Miss Blanche E. Lancev. Mrs. M. A. Outland, they to choose their own chairman, music; Mrs. C. E. Brown, Mrs. Nettie F. Barter, Mrs. Norman Bigelow, calling and reception: S. U. McIntyre, Carl E. Brown Jr., John G. Gilchrest, Lawrence M Bigelow, ushers. Officers of the Sunday school are John H. Davidson, supt.; Earl A. Brown, asst. supt.; Miss Theima L. Brown, treas.; Miss Edna

E. Adams, sec. and lobrarian. Reports were given for the past year by the various officers. George C. Jewett, treasurer for the church showed receipts of \$1034.09 from the invested funds, and from other sources enough to bring the sum up to \$1768.15; a balance of \$140.10 left over from last year, was included in said taxes, with interest and all lega this amount. Expenditures for the costs and charges, or the whole of said year, including the pastor's salary of land if no person offers to take an un-\$1000, were \$1684.32, \$98.54 for mis-divided part thereof, will be offered sions and repairs on church and par- for sale by public auction at the Sesions and repairs on church and parsonage, which amounted to \$148. A alance of \$83.83 is left in the treasury to begin the new year.

The collector's report agreed with that of the treasurer and the report of Richard D. Field of the executive ommittee in regard to repairs made Miss Thelma Brown, treasurer of the Sunday school, reported receipts of \$80.54, including balance from last uated in the northwesterly part of said year. Expenses amounting to \$51.50 Townsend, bounded westerly by the and a cash balance of \$29.04. At her location of the Greenville Branch of suggestion a vote of thanks was tendered Rev. L. A. Whiston and Deacon George C. Jewett for the work they

had done and the great help it had been to the little people. Miss Edna E. Adams, secretary, reported for the Sunday school, 48 sesdons held during the year with an thereon. average attendance of 54. The total membership is 94, a gain of two over

of influenza last year the church and Situated in the northwesterly part o all its auxiliary societies was forced to said Townsend on the westerly side of suspend all meetings for several the location of said Railroad, opposite weeks. A fact which several of the the above described lot, bounded officers mentioned in giving their re- westerly by the road leading from

on the list and seven promotions to said location, and northerly by land the primary grade. For the home department, Mrs. C. E. Brown recompares, mended reorganization and a change of methods, hoping to stimulate interest. For the sewing circle Mrs. Edith L. Smith reported a cash balance of \$93.95 and a good amount of

Miss Ruth G. Gilchrest, secretary of the C. E. society, reported active work and increasing interest, and S. U. Mc-Intyre, treasurer, reported a balanc of \$40 on hand after paying out \$87,27. The treasurer for the church was authorized to print the financial re-

Mrs. Etta Sanders has returned to Mrs. Sarah Ball's to continue caring for her after a few weeks of much carry and Social circle to one of their time since his death she had been much carry and Social circle to one of their time since his death she had been much carry and Social circle to one of their time since his death she had been much carry and social circle to one of their time since his death she had been much carry and social circle to one of their time since his death she had been much carry and social circle to one of their time since his death she had been much carry and social circle to one of their time since his death she had been much carry and social circle to one of their time since his death she had been much carry and social circle to one of their time since his death she had been much carry and social circle to one of their time since his death she had been much carry and social circle to one of their time since his death she had been much carry and social circle to one of their time since his death she had been much carry and social circle to one of their time since his death she had been much carry and social circle to one of their time since his death she had been much carry and social circle to one of their time since his death she had been much carry and social circle to one of their times are times and times times are times and times times are times and times are times are times and times are times are times and times are times are times are times and times are times are times and times are time men. 118 th Lowel was postponed un- with her youngest daughter, Mrs. Ed-Theodore, of Malden, are spending the Miss Dotothy McKinnon, who has it was there that her death occurred the Methodist parsonage, been visiting in Boston and vicinity, on last week Friday. She was sick win B. Stevens in Seattle, Wash., and Mr. Wing coming for the week-ends has returned to her home with Mr. only 24 hours and her death was caused by that ever to be dreaded dis-Several more cases of measies have been reported at this end of the town —Dorothy Sherwin, little daughter of —Dorothy Sherwin, little daughter of —Dorothy Sherwin, little daughter of —Dorothy Sherwin in the da death and also that the funeral and ourial would be in Lunenburg, Mr Stevens coming east with her body.
Three children are left to mourn her loss. Mrs. Edwin B. Stevens, Mrs. Ernest K. Proctor and Sidney H. Francis, several grandchildren and many relatives, friends and neighbors. She

was an earnest, conscientious member

of the Congregational church here

nearly all her lifetime.

Long and Faithful Service.

At the close of the business meeting of the church last week Thursday evening Rev. M. A. Outland in behalf of the society stepped forward to Edmund S. Francis and in nicely chosen words expressed the sincere regard and appreciation of the church and society for his faithful service as clerk of the church for forty-nine succes sive years and now entering upon his fiftieth. As a slight token of their regard and in the name of the society he wished to present him with articles for his use and comfort during the winter, which is now approaching. It was a perfect surprise to Mr. Francis, he Methodist church last Sunday were but a very pleasant one and he elo quently expressed his thanks and grat-itude for the gifts. When the two boxes were opened they were found and a fine pair of three buckle artics. Most serviceable and useful articles things seemed highly gratifying to all. for the comfort of a man eighty-one

New Advertisements

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Stock-holders of the Townsend National Bank will be held at their Banking Rooms on Monday, January 5, 1920, at ten o'clock A. M., to choose a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

C. B. WILLARD, Cashler. Townsend, Mass., Dec. 8, 1919. 4t15

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the First National Bank of Ayer, will be held at the Banking Rooms, in Ayer, Mass., on Monday. January 12, 1920, at 3.30 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of acting upon the

following business: To choose a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may ome before the meeting.

CHARLES A. NORMAND. Ayer, Mass., December 9, 1919.

Collector's Notice

- or -SALE OF REAL ESTATE



The owners and occupants of the following described parcels of real estate, situated in the Town of Townsend, in the County of Middlesex, in and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the years hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as by the assessors of taxes, remain unpaid, and that the smallest undivided part of said land sufficient to satisfy lectmen's Room, in Memorial Hal Building in said Townsend, on Saturday, the 10th day of January, 1920 at two o'clock P. M., for the paymen of said taxes with interest, costs and charges thereon, unless the same shall

be previously discharged. Lot No. 1. Assessed to Mrs. Isabelle K. Rusk, described as follows: Sitpany; northerly by land of Joseph F. Thompson and by land of Busk and McDonald; easterly by land of A. J. Morse and land of U. S. Adams, and southerly by land of U. S. Adams, containing 41% acres with the buildings

Tax for year 1918 Lot No. 2. Assessed to Mrs. Isa belle K. Rusk, described as follows West Townsend to Mason; southerly Mrs. S. U. McIntyre, superintendent of the cradle roll, reported 35 names the Town of Townsend; easterly by

Tax for year 1918

Lot No. 3. Assessed to Mrs. Isa belle K. Rusk, described as follows Situated in the westerly part of said Townsend on the southerly side of Main Street, bounded northerly by said Main Street; westerly by land of Alexander Reed; southerly by land of Alex under Reed; easterly by land of Wil iam M. Lawrence and by land of Mrs Martha Adams; including buildings

thereon, containing 1 acre. Tax for year 1918 \$56.16

Let No. 4. Assessed to Duncan Usk and A. McDonald described as -as: Situated in the northwesterly said Townsend, adjoining lot assessed to Isabelle K. Rusk. Sunded on other sides by lands known owners, and being known · Lewis & Chamberlain lot, con $z + 13_4$ acres.

Fex for year 1918 . \$10.80 EVERETT W. SEAVER.
Tax Collector.

T wasend, Mass., Dec. 11, 1919. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the wither has been duly appointed extra of the will of SARAH F. GILlate of Groton in the County of feet, deceased, testate, and has upon himself that trust by giving as the law directs.

Persons having demands upon the of said deceased are hereby reduced to exhibit the same; and all periods to exhibit the same; and all periods of make payment to

HERBERT B. PRIEST, Executor. Aver. Mass., Dec. 6, 1919.

1.08T BOOK — In accordance with hapter 599, Section 40 of the Acts of 908 and amendments thereto, notice is serably given that Book No. 6989 has seen lost and application has been nade for the issuance of a duplicate

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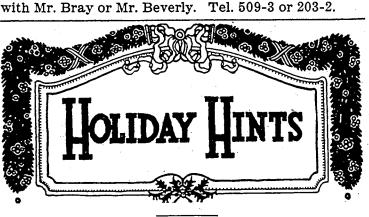
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratix of the estate of JOSEPH A. DONNELLY late of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons in-debted to said estate are called upon

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be previously discharged. Lot No. 1. Assessed to Clarence J uated in the southeasterly part of said Townsend, on the road leading from Townsend Harbor to Shirley, bounded westerly by land of Frank E. Conant, southerly by land of Laura W. Smith, southerly by land of Laura W. Smith, easterly by land of said Smith, and northerly by land of Edward P. Brown, containing 60 acres of land with the buildings thereon.

\$11.56

Tax of year 1918 remaining unpaid Tax for year 1919

25,20 Lot No. 2. Assessed to James C. Leeman, Jr., described as follows: Situated in the northeasterly part of said Townsend, on Ball road leading from Warner road to North End road, bounded on the north by land of Willard F. Hale, on the east by land of Edgar E. Campbell, on the south by said Warner road, and on the west by land of The B. & A. D. Fessenden Company, containing 62 acres of land with the buildings thereon.

Tax for year 1918 remaining unpaid, Lot No. 3. Assessed to Leeman &

eeman, described as follows: Sitlated in the northeasterly part of said Townsend, on Ball road leading from Warner road to North End road, bounded on the north by land of Willard F. Hale, on the east by land of Edgar E. Campbell, on the south by said Warner road, and on the west by land of The B. & A. D. Fessenden Company, containing 62 acres of land with the buildings thereon.

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HOLLIS, N. H.

There were about fifty parents at

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ended the Parents' meeting last week and a very interesting meeting was held. It gave the parents and Mr. Record a good opportunity to get acstate educational law to them, as some were less absent and tardy marks, for away about a week. If the average was brought up for the rest of the year along those lines he thought the standing of the school might be sayed. Mr. Record also emphasized following up medical attendance, especially for the teeth, as a very large percent were defective. It is hoped there may be more of these meetings arranged so that the teachers may be able to attend, as they are very helpful in keeping up a town in-terest in the schools.

Hollis High played East Jaffrey High basketball team last week Wednesday, the score being 40 to 16 in avor of East Jaffrey.

Rev. R. M. French attended the funeral of Dana Keyes of Amherst last week. Mr. Keyes was a brother of Bert Keyes of this town and is survived by a wife and several children.

Edward Stratton and his sister the sunny south. They will visit their brother, Lyman Stratton, and wife, in Alabama before going to St. Petersburg, where they will stay for the win-

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swallow, who ave been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Charles Brown, and family, for some months, started for their home in Cal fornia last week. They will visit friends in the middle west on their way home. On Thanksgiving day there was a family party at the old Swallow homestead in Dunstable, twenty-one sitting down to dinner. Mr. Swallow and two sisters were present and he and one sister, Mrs. Thomas, had four generations with them.

Mrs. Nellie H. P. Hale, who had given up his trip to California, has de-cided to make the trip with some friends from Nashua and will start

next week Thursday. The Independent baseketball team of Hollis will play the East Jaffrey

eam this Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. William B. Simonds returned Tuesday from a week's visit with their son Roland and family in Winchester, their old home.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Pierce of Nash ia, who used to live where Frank J Farley now lives and who are wellknown to the older people in town, will celebrate their golden wedding December 15.

Everett Wentworth, who has been quite ill with pneumonia, is able to be about the house and is going to his sister Alice in Boston.

Miss Lily R. Eaton returned Tues. Mrs. Rodney T. Hardy in Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Frost in Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hayes of Ar-

lington were callers in town last week. Miss Addie Eastman is going to Belmont next week to spend some time with her sister, Mrs. Walter L. Frost, and family,

Miss Marion Worcester has been elected president of her class at Rad-

Mrs. Francis K. Sweetser, who underwent a serious operation at a Manchester hospital recently, is making a satisfactory recovery. The friends of Mrs. John (Hardy)

Sawyer will be sorry to hear she is again restricted to her bed. Letters from Miss Van Dyke state

that they are pleasantly situated at Wset Palm Beach, Fla. She speaks of the sugar shortage being acute here-one pound of sugar is allowed of goods—if the grocer has it. She had been able to procure a pound for

week or two at West Palm Beach, preferring the former place. Mr. Wheeler is a keen fisherman and finds the sport better at St. Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Powers write they are very comfortable and that Mr. Powers stood the trip to Walling-ford in splendid shape. They are looking forward to a pleasant winter,

Mrs. Elizabeth Russell, who is with her cousin. Dr. Emerson, in Lynn, is very well and enjoying her winter home. Miss Ruth D. Rogers is spending

ten days with friends in Portland, Me. George Coburn, who lives at the south end of Silver lake, says he has never seen it so high at this time of the year. The lake rose three inches one night last week and is now frozen over so that there is fishing through the ice.

If your farm is for sale or you wish to buy a farm, communicate with Fred A. Smith, real estate broker, Ayer.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Mrs. Lizzie Maynard, of South Brookline, has gone to West Town-send to stay for a few weeks at the tome of Mrs. A. A. Stearns.

Donald Porter has been on the sick st the past week with a bad cold. Walter Farnsworth has gone to the ome of Clark Barnaby to board for the winter.

Mrs. Harry Chandler has been o the sick list for the past week. Thomas Bennett, of Ayer, formerly

of this place, who has been quite sick the past few weeks, is reported as im-Fred Farnsworth and family have

gone to their home in Wauchula, Fla., for the winter. Timothy O'Hern, who has been in

town for the past few weeks, has re-turned to his home in Worgester, Mass. George Stanley has gone to Town-

send to work in the B. & A. D. Fessenden mill for the winter. Mr. Emerson, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Lilia Shattuck and Mr. and Mrs. Perrin, of

North Chelmsford, have been at Mr. Emerson's summer home for a few Miss Eva Corey has returned from

her visit in Tilton. The thimble party and afternoon tea held at the Congregational church

parlor on Tuesday afternoon, was very successful, over thirty being present. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent.

A fine time was enjoyed by all. There will be another dance on Friday even-ing, December 19.

There was such a small number out to the Red Cross annual meeting no business was transacted.

Miss Clara Russell and Mrs. Emma Record a good opportunity to get ac- Dunbar, master and lecturer of the quainted and understand each, other Grange for 1920, left Monday for Laconia to attend the State Grange session. Mrs. Russell will visit in Exeter, did not thoroughly understand it. He Malden, Mass., and other places before also asked that they see to it that there her return home. She expects to be her return home. She expects to be

> Mrs. Lilia Shattuck of North Chelmsford, has been visiting friends here the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rockwood have returned to their home in Saugus, Mass., after spending a few days in

Postcards have been received from Mrs. Katherine Cady, who is in Washington, D. C., on a visit. She reports having an excellent time. On one oc casion she went to Virginia with Miss Pierce and called on Burnes Marshall. She reports him as being much surprised to see them.

Mr. Palmquest has gone to the hospital in Grasmere to board for the winter. He suffered a broken hip ome months ago.

Little Miss Rlice Fowler, who has been staying at the home of Mrs. Grace Campbell for some time, has gone to live with her father, who came after her last week.

Mrs. Eldorus Shattuck recently entertained Mrs. David Marsh, from Shirley Center, Mass. Mrs. Marsh eaves soon for Orlando, Fla., to spend the winter. The snow which the deer hunters

present no deer has been captured. The South Brookline Social club met with Mrs. Lizzie Maynard on Thursday afternoon, December 4, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. Ther vas a fine literary program and the hostess served a very tempting lunch during the afternoon,

vished for so much arrived, but at

Chester Barnaby has gone to Water oury, Conn., for a few days' visit with friends.

Brookline Grange held a special meeting on Wednesday evening, De-cember 3, at which the third and fourth degrees were conferred on class of ten. Over 100 were present, and twelve visitors were present from out of town. A harvest feast was served under the direction of Mrs. Edna Hall. At the close of the meeting a social time was enjoyed by all.

SHIRLEY

News Items. The military whist party at Odd fellows hall, held under the auspices of the A. K. B. club for girls, was a and financial success, the sum of \$87 being netted. First prizes were won by Harry O. Bangs, Arthur C. Annis, Walter Badstübner and Albert Rollo, each of whom received a box of stationery. The consolation prizes were won by William C. Wolff, Miss Ima Wolff and Miss Eula Whitney and Charles Will, who were the recipients of celluloid novelties. Edward L. Harkins was the winner of the \$2.50 gold piece in the chance contest. The entire proceeds will be given to Shirley post, A. L., to help furnish its club room. The members of the A. K. B. club appreciate the support and patronage of the towns-

people. Fred Sleeper has rented the house in Peasley's block formerly occupied by the Shirley Service club, and with his mother will occupy the same

Mrs. Annie Tewksbury left Monday for a visit at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Gale, of Med-

The Altrurian club will meet next Thursday afternoon in the municipal nearby towns, is regarded as one of building at three o'clock. The pro- the finest musical clubs in New York gram will consist of current events city. and a study of familiar masterpieces of painting in charge of the art com-mittee, Miss Annie B. Hunter, Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Almond Wheeler have
M. Ballou. Hostesses, Mrs. Alice L.
Mrs. Effle Robbins entertained Mrs.
Charlotte A. GreenE. S. Baker of Shirley this week at

leaf. The woman's bible class met on last Tuesday evening with Mrs. Charles Weare, Jr.

The school committee have elected Henry Fischer, of Fitchburg, to take charge of manual training in the Shirley schools. This work was omitted in the local schools last year on account of the scarcity of teachers due to war conditions. Mr. Fischer will to war conditions. be in town one day each week to instruct his class.

The local schools will close for the Christmas vacation at the end of the session on Friday, December 19, and will reopen on Monday, December 29. After Christmas the old schedule of one week of vacation in every eight weeks will go into effect. This plan weeks will go into effect. has been in effect for several years. but was not followed last year on ac-count of the necessity of making up time which was lost during the influenza epidemic.

The Ladies' Aid of the Universalist thurch held a successful food sale this week Friday afternoon. The sale was neld in Peasley's store by kindness of H. O. Peasley.

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church met on Thursday afternoon in the church vestry to tie comforters.

Edwin Wells Bradley will give a lecture Sunday evening in the Baptist church at eight o'clock; subject, "Things a girl ought to know." Mr. Bradley's lecture on last Sunday evening was one of the finest ever delivered in Shirley and was attended by an

audience which filled the church Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wilbur formerly of this town, now of Gardner, announce the marriage of their only daughter, Arline Longley, to Joseph Jacob Klaus, of Shirley. The wedding took place at the home of the The young couple will make their home here, the groom being employed as buyer at the State Industrial school.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church held its regular meeting on Monday evening in the vestry of the church. Supper was served at seven o'clock under the direction of Rev. S. F. Goodheart. The women who assisted were Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. Lash, Mrs. Coddington and Mrs. F. E. Park. The waiters were Russell Miner, Edward Chapman, Roy Birchstead and Clarence Hooper. Following the supper a brief business session was held, he remainder of the evening being devoted to a stirring and interesting address by Nathan A. Tufts, district

of his audience from start to finish. Mr. Tufts was tendered a rising vot-

At the meeting of Shirley post, A

About Town,

Austin M. Fish sailed from Philadelphia last week Thursday on the SS. Caspar, bound for Havre, France, with a cargo of freight, including Corliss engines, gasolene tractors, barrels of same object on this Friday evening. oll and a quantity of Swift's products.

Mrs. Abbie J. Wells spent Tuesday in Boston and a D. A. R. reception it the Copley Plaza, Cook Jacob A. Elmer of K Com-

pany, 36th Infantry, Camp Devens, and Miss Anna O'Neil, of Lowell, were married by Chaplain C. O. Purdy at his residence on Tuesday evening at 8.30. They west Sergt. Charles L. Turner and successful. Wynn. The newly-married road, near the camp.

For the first time at popular prices of W. Griffith's supreme triumph, "Hearts of the world," at Page's hall, Ayer, next Monday and Tuesday. Children 15c., adults 25c.

Center. Miss Miriam Lacey, of Fitchburg, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph N. Graves.

At the next meeting of the Grange, Tuesday evening, December 16, the lecturer's hour will be given up to a hristmas entertainment. There will be a Christmas tree and an appropriprogram of readings, music, This meeting will be open to the families of Grange members.

Mrs. David B. Marsh and Miss Mary A. Hobbs visited Mrs. Marsh's sister. Mrs. E. C. Shattuck, in Brookline, N. H, and her father, John Bohanon, in Pepperell, Sunday.

day afternoon. December 19 for the Christmas vacation, and will reopen on Monday, December 29.

ted a member of the cemetery com-mittee to take the place of Frank J. Lawton, who has resigned. Mrs. Clarence Clark and baby, of

E. J. Miller had the misfortune last week to fail from a load of corn fod-der, breaking two ribs. His sister, Mrs. Smith, of Phillipston, is staying at his home for a few days to help

Herbert Thompson, at the North, is the only one reported as having shot a deer during the open season last Horace C. Harris, master of Shirley Grange, is attending the session of the

Massachusetts State Grange in Wor-cester this week. Mrs. Mabel Graves, lecturer of Shirley Grange, is attending the lecturers' conference at the State Grange session. The Pi Tau Kappa club, which was founded by the pupils of Wesley Wy-man, and of which Miss Sara A. Dunn

is chairman of the music committee, met on Wednesday evening in New York city for a lecture with piano illustrations by William H. Humiston. Mr. Humiston is assistant conductor of the Philharmonic society's orchesimportant musicians, as well as being a well-known American composer. The Pi Tau Kappa club, whose membership includes several in this and

PEPPERELL

E. S. Baker of Shirley this week at the time of the Rebekah initiation here in town.

The resignation of Miss Alice Cleary eacher of the fifth and sixth grades at the Groton street school, was given to the school board this week to take effect if possible at the Christmas holi-days. The resignation is to be regretted, as Miss Cleary has proved her efficiency since coming here in September. The reason of leaving is that she has been offered a position in the schools at Everett at a beginning salary of \$950. This will give her a salary of \$100 more than she might expect to receive here, if the proposed schedule is adopted. The advantages to her as a young teacher are obvious and cannot be ignored, but it will be

difficult to replace her.

Buy a Red Cross Christmas sealonly a penny apiece. Relatives and friends united in honoring the ninety-fifth birthday anniversary of our most aged resident of Pepperell Mrs Walter E. Jewett, at her home on Townsend street, Thursday, December 4, and were delighted to again give: the aged lady who bears her extreme years so lightly. Her daughter, Mrs. Alice Spencer, received the many collers of the afternoon, and Mrs. Jewett book pleasure in conversing with all Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Drawbridge were welcomed among the visitors of the day. Many of the relatives of Mr. Jewett, living in Bed-ford and Secrytile, and Mrs. Emily Pierce Statement from Townsend, called before the a tual date of the anni-versary to leave expressions of their thought and esteem. Mrs. Jewett was vell reman loved by absent friends: also, by a shower of postcards, and by flowers and many flainty gifts.

A pleasant meeting of the East VIIlage Social club was held at the home of the vice president, Mrs. Alice Raynond, Wednesday, with eleven members present. There were many time person trace were many times by suggestions for Christmas and a so-cial afternoon, with refreshments by the hostess. Selections from the Victrola added to the entertainment of the guests.

The household goods of the late Mrs Johanna Green, who resided for eight-een years on Nashua street, were packed by her niece, Miss Stacia Duggan. And to Railroad Station—of Nashua, and taken there by truck ask anyone—they all know Whitney. on Tuesday. The Red Cross Christmas seal drive asks as little and deserves as much as

fledged to join. Its benefits reach all of us in some measure, and mothers and children most of all. A dainty lunch was served by the Ladies' Aid.

A large crowd attended the social dance on December 5 in Tarbell hall.

any drive in which we have been priv-

Christmas tree for the children. There was a good attendance, bringing good results in the way intended. There were solos by Mrs. Carrie Parker and Mrs. Blanche Shattuck, readings by the Misses Emilie Geiger and Kather-L., Monday evening, officers for the year 1920 will be elected and two delegates to the Middlesex county meeting. Thebe and Donald Blood, and a wolfn gates to the Middlesea county in the behalf in Cambridge on December 18. It is requested that every paid up acting as his accompanist. Mrs. Parkers has present. entertainment ice cream, popcorn balls and candy were for sale. mittee were Mrs. Rupert Blood, Mrs. Ivan Parker, Mrs. Carl Lawrence and Miss Emilie Geiger. The same com-

The Caspar is an oil burning ship.

Morton E. Lawrence is making outside repairs on the Universalist church.

Inc. Red Cross committee are getting in good work for the tuberculosis fund. The slogan, appearing in the postoffices, is "No letter or parcel is church. The Red Cross committee are getcomplete without a Red Cross Christ-mas seal."

Miss Lizzie Tucker is suffering from dislocated shoulder as the result of a fall last week at her home on Hol-lis street, where she resides alone She is reported as fairly comfortable and is unusually expert in managing the affairs of her home with her one good arm and hand, particularly since it is her right shoulder that is affected. Her nephew, Charles Tucker, of Hud son, came here to see her this week

Raymond Chick returned home of Wednesday from the Kilbourn hospi tal in Groton, where he underwent : double operation for appendicitis and he removal of adenoids on Saturday November 29. He has made excellen recovery and it is hoped his healt will be improved by the operations.

Frank Bennett and W. A. Kemp returned Tuesday from a hunting trip in New Hampshire with a party of ten, but report no great success.

Community Christmas Tree.

The Community Service club held meeting at the home of Miss M. Adele Boynton on Monday evening and fee favor of their idea to have a commu nity Christmas tree. All that remains to make it a complete success is the hearty co-operation of the community including every club and every man woman and child. Make it your Yule The Center schools will close on Fri- fellowmen. Committees were appoint. tide contribution for the good of you ed, as the members of the Service club are not shirking their part of the work. Miss Adele Boynton was named Robert H. J. Holden has been elector secure a proper tree and have it a member of the cemetery complaced. The Misses Doris Durant, El len Miller and Helen Pond were committee to attend to the wiring and electrical display in the illumination of the tree. Misses Lydia Waite and Mrs. Clarence Clark and baby, of Springfield, are spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Hazel Phinney were the committee on advertising, and Mrs Raymond Carter advertising. The club voted to purchase copies of Christmas carols and the first rehearsal under leadership is to be held at the high school building on Sunday afternoon, Decem-

the pulpit Sunday morning and all are asked to extend the notice.

ber 14, at three o'clock. All singers

vited to be there. An announcement is to be made by all the pastors from

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of EMMA H. BURGESS late of Townsend in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to T. JAMES HARVEY of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the thirty-first day of December A. D. 1919, at him e o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed of give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Townsend Tocsin, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,

Court.

Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, 3t15

F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons inter-ested in the estate of ANN HORAN late of Pengerell in said County, deceased,

of Penjerell in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of admiristration on the estate of said deceased to ARTHUR R. ATTRIBGE of Penjerell in the County of Middlesex, without siving a surety on his bond. You are bereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said cleanty of Middlesex, on the seventeenth day of December A. D. 1918 at him colook in the forenoon, to show all the periode why the same should be granted.

And the petitioner is bereby directed to give visite hotics thereof, by published to be seen to be one day at bast, before the one day at bast, before the seen that the seen the seen the seen that the seen that

Charles J. MoIntire. Esquire

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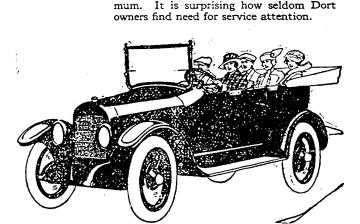
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Miss Bertha Colson has engagements as seamstress in Newton and vicinity which will detain her there until just before Christmas, when she

is expected home for a holiday. Our apologies to Mrs. M. M. Richards for apparently moving her from town last week, as per item. We intended to state that Mrs. Richards spent Thanksgiving with her sister, Mrs. G. E. Shattuck, and in another item to say that Frank Chase and famwere moving out of town. The two becoming curiously juggled, might give some people a false im-

Elmer Chase, son of Frank Chase remained in town with Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy, Pleasant street, last week when the family moved, and was taken quite ill on Saturday. His father came back to town on Monday to care

Mrs. Lucy Dow Cushing and Miss Ruth are expected home from Wellesley next week as the college term ends December 17. Mrs. Cushing is in charge of one of the halls and Miss Ruth is a student there.

Miss Ruth Clark, who formerly resided in town, visited here on Sunday at the home of Mrs. A. H. Gilbert. She has been living at Leominster, with an aunt, Mrs. Sarah Gove, who was also a former resident of Pepperell. ter Gove, also of Leominster, brought Miss Clark here on Sunday by auto. It is understood their engagement has been announced.

H. F. Hobart has purchased a woodlot of Ivan Parker on Oak hill, which is to be cut by W. E. Thorpe, this sea son, and Emil Hamer has been hired do the teaming of the logs to the Fessenden mill, at Brookline, N. H.

Mrs. Gertrude Tarbell entertained Mrs. Sara Barry of Boston over Tues-day night on the occasion of the latter's visit here at the initiation at Acoma lodge.

The dance of the Frank West post American legion, is now placed at an earlier date than was first intended in order not to conflict with other social occasions of Christmas week. It is to be held on Wednesday evening, December 17, at Prescott hall. The com-

ly at home, he is under orders to abstain from any heavy work or lifting of any kind, and the case is one not to be cured in a day.

For the first time at popular prices Griffith's supreme triumph, Hearts of the world," at Page's hall, Ayer, next Monday and Tuesday. Children 15c., adults 25c.

The men of the Community church served a supper at the church on Thursday evening to about 200. The men proved themselves very capable as providers of the supper. The Community church will have a

Christmas tree on Tuesday evening, December 23, at the church.

The convalescent men at the Home-Convalescent Home enjoyed themselves to the limit on Thanksgiv-ing day. Those who were better able to travel short distances went to their homes near Boston for the day, and those who were not able to do this on account of their disability or other reasons were quite contented "at home." where a bountiful turkey dinner with all the attachments from soup to nuts was served. In the afterevening some attended the movies.

In the evening many comparisons were made with the present year's surroundings and one year ago in France. Some were in hospitals and were not able to eat anything, while others more fortunate had a small portion of "corn willie" and water. None however lamented their present surroundings.

Sergt. Frye, the blind boy, received several letters from his blind friends from Evergreen and Fort McHenry Baltimore, which added to the day's pleasure.

Teachers' Salaries,

Although Pepperell is late in ac tion regarding any increase in the salary of the teachers of the town, the agitation on the question since the special town meeting is gaining ground. The result of the vote of the citizens in recommending the adoption of the new schedule by the school committee is not without its effect. Pep- Grange Matters. perell is only asked to join the ranks action is already being taken. The movement is nation-wide and has been made a matter of legislative action in Boston, while daily reports from many other cities in the state are coming to

voted to increase the salaries of the teachers \$200 a year. In Haverhill the school board recently granted at that increase of \$390, effective January of the elementary grades presented a petition for a twenty-five percent in crease in salary, which is under con-struction. If Pepperell does not keep abreast of the times efficiency in the may be obtained but not retained.

Much pride was felt to provide the new and up-to-date schoolhouses when the brick buildings were erected on Main and Groton streets. The matter of granting a fair equivalent for serv ices to the teachers in these buildings should be equally a question of pride

With the increase of salaries in nearly every other calling, graduates even from Normal schools are seeking occupations than that for which they were fitted by education and training

Of the teachers of the town schools but six out of the seventeen are residents of the place. Salaries at the high school have been \$1450 for the principal, \$900 for the sub-master, and \$650 for the teachers. The elementary grades was \$625 and \$575 for the principals and \$550 for the teachers The new schedule recommended for

adoption by the school committee is guests were Mrs. Whitmarsh and Mr. as follows, the schedule having been troubled from the report of the special town meeting last week for want of space:

Elementary school teachers—Inexperienced, first year \$750; second year, and all gray due recognition to the

of space:
Elementary school teachers—Inexperienced, first year \$750; second year, if merited, \$850, third year, if merited, \$1000, except that teachers having previous successful experience shall receive for their first year the minimum salary for inexperienced teachers plus \$50 for each year of such successful experienced teachers plus \$50 for each year of such successful experience; but no beginning salary of such experienced teacher shall exceed \$225. If the work of a teacher receiving the maximum salary show extraordinary merit, the school committee may yote on recommendation of the recommendation of the of schools to pay her a

Elementary school principals-With out previous experience Elementary school principals—Without previous experience as principal, first year \$200; second year, if merited, \$1000; third year, if merited, \$1100; experience as principals floor; the year and thereafter, if merited, \$1200; except that principals having previous successful experience as principals shall receive for their first year the minimum salary for inexperienced principals plus \$50 for each year of such successful experience, but no beginning salary of such experienced principal shall exceed \$1100. If the work of a principal receiving the maximum salary show extraordinary merit, the school committee may vote, on recommendation of the superintendent of schools, to pay her a maximum salary of \$1200 in recognition thereof.

High school teachers—Lexperienced,

High school teachers—Lnexperienced, first year, \$1000; second year, if merited, \$1200; third year, if merited, \$1200; fourth year and thereafter, if merited, \$1300; except that teachers having previous successful experience shall receive for their first year the minimum salary for inexperienced teachers plus \$50 for each year of such successful experienced. salary for inexperienced teachers plus \$50 for each year of such successful experience; but no beginning salary of such experience teacher shall exceed \$1200. If the work of a teacher receiving the maximum salary show extraordinary merit, the school committee may vote, on recommendation of the superintendent of schools, a maximum salary of \$1400 in recognition thereof.

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High school sub-master—Inexperienced, first year, \$1300; second year, if merited, \$1400; third year in merited, \$1500; fourth year and thereafter, if merited, \$1600; except that sub-masters having previous successful experience as high school teachers or sub-master, shall receive for their first year the minimum salary for inexperienced such successful experience as used, and \$30 for each year of such successful experience as sub-master; but no beginning salary of such experienced sub-master shall exceed \$1500. If the work of a sub-master receiving the maximum salary show extraordinary merit, the school committee may vote him, on recommendation of the superintendent of schools, a maximum salary of \$1700 in recognition thereof.

High school principal—Inexperienced,

to be held on Wednesday evening. December 17, at Prescott hall. The committee, of which Douglas Deware is chairman, have arranged for Miner & Doyle's orchestra, six pieces, of Lowell, that played at Lakeview all last season.

Miss Katherine Lawrence, following the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Spaulding to Lebanon, N. H., for the winter, went to Milford, N. H., where she is with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stickney for a time.

John Melendy, who has been under the care of a physician at his home for some time past; recently went to the hospital at Nashua, to have an X-ray taken. It now develops that the difficulty is what the doctors call a dislocated stomach, that organ having position. Although not confined closely at home, he is under orders to abstain from any heavy work or lifting.

The death of Elmer Chase occurred after an iliness of only a few days on Wednesday morning and was unexpected to his family. His father, Frank Chase, recently packed his goods to move back to his old home at Vineyard Haven on the island of Martha's Vineyard. Mr. and Mrs. Chase went to stay with relatives at Acton while their goods were in transit and the their goods were in transit, and the young man, but thirty-four years of age, remained here for awhile with his step-sister, Mrs. Eugene McCarthy his step-sister, Mrs. Eugene McCarthy, on Pleasant street. He had been a mill workman, although out of health for some months. Besides his parents and the sister above mentioned he leaves another sister, Mrs. Bertha Hawthorne of Bethel, Vt.

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When his disease took an acute turn on Saturday his father was notified and arrived on Monday, remaining with him until the last. The remains were taken to their old home at North Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard, on the early train Thursday morning, where services are to be held, Mr. Chase and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McCarthy, accompanying the hody and hurial will companying the body and burial will be there in the family lot.

Teacher Resigns.

The school committee has taken no action on the teachers' salary schedule proposed by Supt. Benner at the spec-ial town meeting, and recommended for adoption by the meeting, except to declare their continued determina-

to declare their continued determina-tion that it shall not be put into effect. In the meanwhile, Miss Alice Cleary, teacher of grades 5 and 6 at the Gro-ton street school has resigned to ac-cept a position in Everett at the first of the new year at a beginning salary of \$950. Miss Cleary has been receiv-ing \$650 and would receive \$850 after January 1 were the new salary sched-ule in effect.

Mr. Benner states that it might have Mr. Benner states that it might have been possible to persuade Miss Cleary to stay in spite of the smaller salary if the school committee had accepted the recommendation of the town meeting. It is hopeless, he states, to try to fill her place with a teacher of equal ability at the present salary unless he is able to take advantage of some local teacher who through sickness or other emergency is forced to remain in town.

rell is only asked to join the ranks
the many cities and towns where
tion is already being taken. The
Grange at Worcester this week, ir Grange at Worcester this week, in place of the two delegates appointed. the master-elect and lecturer. election of officers at the session Wednesday in Mechanics' hall records the other cities in the state are coming to nesday in Mechanics' hall records the notice.

In Clinton a special town meeting is to be called in January to vote on the school fund question. In Marlboro the school fund question. In Marlboro the school committee have already voted to increase the salaries of the school increase the salaries of the school committee have already voted to increase the salaries of the school committee have already voted to increase the salaries of the school committee have already voted to increase the salaries of the school committee have already to the afternoon on several candidates in Horticultural hall installation to the proposed activities will be given the money by subscription was given nesday in Mechanics' hall records the the money by subscription was given the money by subscription was given to be provided by this appropriation. The committee have already to the school committee have alre

notice and ideness. He condemned daylight saving and the eight-hour day, as prejudicial to the farmer and recommended action against both He also speke strongly against government ownership of the railroads.

Farewell Reception.

A pleasant reception and banquet was held at the Main street school building on Wednesday evering by the teachers of the high school and the teachers of the high school and the Main and Groton street buildings, in honor of Supt. and Mrs. Thomas Elliot Benner, whose approaching de-parture is a matter of sincere regret. The large upper corridors made a

The large upper corridors made a very acceptable assembly room. The decorations were bright and Christmasy, of evergreen with red crêpe paper. The tables were inviting with the decorations augmented by shining fruit, and spread with an appetizing collation. The hand-painted place cards were ornamented with holly and at each plate were endeaded with at each plate was a red and white basket of nuts and candles.

the benefit of their guests of this evening, and is lost to the public.

A fine feature of the evening was the presentation to Mr. Benner of a \$20 banknote with a few earnest words of appreciation by Miss Clara M. Shattuck. Mrs. Benner was also presented with a \$5 gold piece from the domestic science class in the schools the tic science class in the schools, the presentation being made by Miss Julia Rynn in a happy manner. Both Mr. and Mrs. Benner were taken unawares but responded to the presentation most fittingly, showing their appreciation of the thought and the gifts,

A Letter for the Public.

Several have urged the publication of the portions of James Walter Smith's letter which Supt. Benner read at the special town meeting. That part of the letter which is of general interest follows:

Carlson and C. C. Tucker, who each and all gave due recognition to the methods and work of Supt. Benner during his term of labor for the schools, and the best interest of those under his direction. His efforts in their behalf have been unremitting and are appreciated.

A musical program was given, consisting of a vocal solo by Misy Alice sisting of a vocal solo by Misy Alice.

A musical program was given, consisting of a vocal solo by Miss Alice Cleary, and plano solos by Miss Rynn and Mrs. Whitmarsh. It is to be regretted especially that the original poem, which was most thoroughly apropos and which was set to music and sung by a trio consisting of Misses Wood, Jones and Morton was given for the benefit of their guests of this evening, and is lost to the public.

interest follows:

"As anyone who mingles with those of maturity, trained in Pepperell schools, can see for himself, your schools turn out real men and women. I could wish nothing better for my children than that they might come under the guidance in their later years of such a teacher as your Mr. Whitof such a teacher as your Mr. Whit-marsh and get the benefit of a broadmarsh and get the benefit of a broad-mindedness, moderation and sincere understanding of his calling which are so marked in his work and so rare in general practice. It is labor such as his, in conjunction with intelligent colleagues that make the public schools of Pepperell deserve my prompt appreciation.

"Modern education, can be success."

mydern education can be successful only when certain important factors are taken into account. These most important factors are that teachers should be fitted by temperament and training to the work of education and that they should be adequately paid for their service. There are teachers, I know, who will starve on wages that wouldn't be offered to a ditch digger and yet will give to children under their care an unremitting devotion and enthusiastic instruction that ought not to be physically possible on an occasional ham sandwich and a glass of evaporated milk. There are also critics who say that teachers who ask for better pay are incipient Bolshevists. Well, if this is so, then it is an academic Bolshevism which I Modern education can be success it is an academic Bolshevism which

mire.
"Starve the teachers or underpay em and they will be forced by cir "Starve the teachers or underpay them and they will be forced by circumstances either to a rejuctant service or to go elsewhere for a living, thus in many cases abandoning to teachers of poorer gifts and training positions which ought ever to be filled by those with natural aptitude, enthusiasm and real love for the learning child.

"May I say that the service rendered to Pepperell by the present principal, Miss Shattuck, who for nearly fifty years has given the best of her life years has given the best of her life and energies to the splendid work of education is a service which, happily, our citizens seem to appreciate to the full and will doubtless recognize in no uncertain manner when the golden opportunity for such recognition arrives. At this moment she is a standing example of what love of teaching, mental equipment, and sturdy, sterling character can do to make a community sound and progressive. One reason for her success is that she has lived amongst her people, has felt with amongst her people, has felt wit them and suffered with them. I ar bold enough to, think that she is bigger citizen than many a president.

AYER,

News Items.

Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., will ork the third degree on several candidates on Tuesday evening. At this meeting there will be a visitation by the grand master and some of the other grand officers. Several of the members attended the working of the second degree by Shawmut lodge of Boston on Friday evening.

Louis F. LaPointe, seventy-four ears of age, one of the town's old and respected citizens, suffered a shock at his home on Tuesday evening, which left one side partly paralyzed. He is reported to be danger now, and his condition is slow-

ly improving. It is understood that the local police have a clue to the robbery Monday night at Knopp's pond, when the proprietor of a small store there was shot by a young man who held him up at the point of a revolver. The story is that a young man, whos face was bloody, got on the nine o'clock electric car near Sandy pond and later changed to a Fitchburg car.
The young man's whereabouts are said to be known to the police at

The special town meeting on Thurs day evening was attended by about twenty-five. Under Article 1 Lyman K. Clark was elected moderator. der Article 2 it was voted to appropriate \$1500 to provide entertainment nd welcome home for the town' service men. At a former special meeting it was decided to raise the money by subscription and a committee was appointed to have the matthe money by subscription was given mak conferred this day of welcome which will come on the afternoon and evening of New Year's day. A complete program of the board recently granted a making the sixth degree.

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Among the many excellent address, and the day heads stated that the Grange should sound the alarm against the spirit of this day of welcome which will come on the afternoon and evening of New Year's day. A complete program of the proposed activities will be given out soon. Under Article 3 it was voted to transfer to the use of the school department certain reimbursement received from the first this day of welcome which will come on the afternoon and evening of New Year's day. A complete program of the proposed activities will be given out soon. Under Article 3 it was voted to transfer to the use of the school department certain reimbursement received from the first this day of welcome which will come on the afternoon and evening of New Year's day. A complete program of the proposed activities will be given out soon. Under Article 3 it was voted to transfer to the use of the school department certain reimbursement received from the first this day of welcome which will come on the afternoon and evening on the afternoon and e

this week eighty-one thrift stamps and ne war stamp.

The Entered Apprentice degree will he worked at the regular communica-tion of St. Paul lodge of Masons on next Monday afternoon. Dinner at one o'clock.

At the regular communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons on Mon-day evening election of officers for the oming year took place with the fol-owing result: Herbert H. Proctor den; Benjamin Taft, treasurer; War-ren L. Preble, secretary; A. A. Fillerown, proxy; E. D. Stone, trustee of charity fund for three years; Robert Irwin, associate member of the board of Masonic relief. A. A. Fillebrown was appointed a committee to secure a past master's jewel for the outgoing naster.

ards were ornamented with holly and teach plate was a red and white naket of nuts and candles.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Benner the of Nashua.

dramatic revenge ever perpetrated. The hero played the leading part in "The climbers." This wonderful production is fully the equal of any one day picture ever shown in Ayer. Sunday, Mabel Normand in a "Venus model."

Ah exhibit by the domestic science class of the high school and the seventh and eighth grades is being held at the store of George H. Brown this Friday and Saturday.

Last Tuesday morning a demonstra-tion of eggless muffins was given to he cooking classes at the high school by Miss Eleanor Cleare, who is con-nected with the Royal Baking Powder

The War Camp Community Service invite all people in town and vicinity to a musical evening at the Soldiers' club, West street, Tuesday evening. December 16, at eight o'clock. The soloists will be Miss Mildred Kemp, who have a charming source works. who has a charming soprano voice, and Private Charles Danner of Camp Devens, cornetist. Admission free.

Joseph Connors post, A. L., are the happy recipients of a check from J. J. Barry for \$100 to add to their fund, which is surely appreciated by the members of the legion. About ten new members have recently joined the post. Mrs. Thomas Miller will hold a sale of fancy and useful articles at her home on Pleasant street, December 15

and 16.

The people of the town will learn with great regret that they are soon to lose a public servant of great worth and long standing. Miss S. Adelaide Blood has resigned her position of libroth has resigned the position of the brarian to take effect January 1, 1920. Miss Blood was for many years a teacher in the public schools of Cambride. In 1905, having given up her work as teacher, she was appointed to the position of librarian in the public librarian was a located. Miss lic library of Ayer to succeed Miss May Fletcher, who was to be married, and who is now living in Springfield.

Miss Blood brought to her work in the library the ability of a trained teacher, a knowledge and love of books, skill in dealing with young people and a spirit of devotion to the interests of the people whom she was to serve. She has kept up with all the modern methods of library work by regular attendance at meetings of the library associations. She has al-ways been ready to assist any and everyone who sought assistance from and conscientiously for its every in-

terest.

Miss Blood is at present living in Leominster with relatives, having ented her house on Washington street for the winter.

To the People of Ayer:

If your quota that has been assigned to the town of Ayer is reached, 27 1/2 % of that quota goes to the Massachu setts Tuberculosis League and out of the 27 1/2 % that is forwarded to the Massachusetts League 8 1/2 % goes to the National Tuberculosis Association goes to the national headquarter 2 1/2 % of that amount is forwarded to the American Red Cross. They in re turn for this 24% print the seals loan us their name and good will, and in many cases have rendered us very valuable assistance.

It is practically impossible to make clear to the minds of the public the exact relationship between the Amererculosis Association. The closest coperation and the very best of relationship exists between the two organizations.

The balance 72½% remains in the district for tuberculosis work in your own town.

Yours for good health,
R. W. Vining,
Campaign Director for Mass.

The Miracle Man.

Seldom has a photoplay so foundly stirred an audience as did the Paramount-Arteraft picture, "The miracle man," at Page's hall last week where it opened for a three days' run. The applause which followed the final fade-oue and the delighted comments of the spectators were a splendid trib-ute to a photoplay which, without a doubt, deserves a place beside the really great screen masterpieces of all times

George Loane Tucker, its producer and director, has proven his right to be numbered among the elect. He has handled the striking story with has handled the striking story with the touch of genius. Interpreted by a cast far above the average, its gripping appeal holds the audience spelbound. The picture is based on the famous story by Frank L. Packard, which subsequently was dramatized by George M. Cohan with great success. The adroitness with which Mr. Tucker has weeked out a trampadous cess. The adrottness with which Mr Tucker has worked out a tremendous theme, and his handling of exquisite-ly beautiful scenic effects raises "The miracle man" far above ordinary fea-ture pictures.

LITTLETON

icws Items.

Mr. Smith, proprietor of the Sprin cultry Farm, has sold his farm, 30 ens. a horse, harnesses and enti-quipment to Mr. Wright, of Milford to who takes possession the first month. Mr. Smith is going tarm in the state of Maine. Whitcomb is reported sick a

oarding place in Somerville ened with pneumonia. Mr. Olesen, of Pingryville, is going o more to Waltham for the winter Mr. Brown, who tends New Estaterossing, is moving out of the W. Olesen's enements in Pingryville.

ments in Pingryville.

he Catholic club of St. Anne's h will hold its second whist party he season in the town hall on Frievening, December 19, at eight ek. Those who have attended the ies in the past know what a plear-time is thus afforded, and it is held that many new-comers will be ent on this occasion.

Es Anne C. Smith work to With

Mrs Annie C. Smith went 40 Wingrop last Saturday to attend the wed ing of Miss Eunice L. Stubbs an arrilet: W. Eldredge. The bride i granddaughter of Capt. G. W. Law granddaughter of Capt. G. W. Law-r. Who spent many summers in Lit-eton. During her visita in town she ade the acquaintance of the young rople at sunset parties and other so-al functions. She has studied three ears in Boston university. The bride-room is a YD man of the Winthrop achine Guh Company, 101st Infanry. He was in the thickest of the fightling and returned after the armis-lice was signed as a member of Pershing's band. The young couple will reing's band. The side in Winthrop.

At the Unitarian church—Sunday service: 16:45, regular offices and sermon. Offertory solo, Mrs. Sargent. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister. Subject, "John, the Baptist, and Jesug, the baptism of water and the baptism of the spirit." Church school at twelve.

At the Strand this Saturday in "The vengeance of Durand," with Alice Joyce, the Vitagraph puts on the market the first of its great super-films adapted from the literary creations of twelve nationally famous authors. This is a Rex Beach story, and is the most dramatic revenge ever perpetrated. The beautiful and the strange for the meeting of the evening is held. Committees from the different churches are to arrange for the meetcieties rather than the church in which the meeting of the evening is held. Committees from the different churches are to arrange for the meet-ings. Preparations for a vesper serv-ice for Christmas are already well un-der way, and a Christmas concert will be given in another church. Few oth-rer matters were discussed by er matters were discussed but interest was manifested in the feederatino experiment.

tino experiment.

The pretty interior decorations of the town hall, which have been so nuch admired, were greatly marred by smoke from a fire originating near the chimney last week, which for a time threatened the destruction of the building. A thorough cleaning will be necessary to make the auditorium presentable, and even then the freshness of the paint cannot be restored.

G. W. Prouty is installing electric.

G. W. Prouty is installing electric lights in his residence on King street The passenger service on the Fitchburg railroad has been cut down in compliance with orders for conservation of coal, but Littleton is no loser, as the trains taken off were all express through town.

Miss Grace P. Conant, of Decatur, Ill., is at home on account of Milli-ken university being closed because of the coal shortage.

Mrs. Sadie Pierce has accepted a po-sition as housekeeper in Cotuit and writes very happily of her new home. The entertainment in the lyceum or The entertainment in the lyceum on Tuesday evening was exceedingly choice and merited the appreciation of the enthusiastic audience. Farticularly enjoyable were the patriotic selections played on the bells.

Death.

Mrs. Margaret Twisden, widow of John G. Twisden, passed to her heav-enly reward early Tuesday morning, following a slight attack of pneumofollowing a slight attack of pneumonial of two days. She had long enjoyed the distinction of being Littleton's oldest woman, and throughout her life had retained her faculities to a remarkable degree. She has been in the good care of her only daughter, Miss Clara Twisden, who faithfully ministered to her needs, and was richly blessed by kind neighbors and the King's Daughters, whose attentions have been much appreciated and thankfully received.

Mrs. Twisden was born in Lynn ninety-eight, years ago July 28. She was married in Lynn and united with the South street Methodist church of that city. Her residence in Littleton covered a period of approximately fifty years, most of which was spent in the Newtown district, where her husband owned a small farm.

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Mr. Twisden's death occurred eighteen years ago. Of her four children two sons have died, and she is survived by the daughter and her son, Warren Twisden, of Cambridge, besides a few grandchildren.

The funeral was held from her late home at the Common on Thursday afternoon, at which Rev H. L. Caulkins, her pastor, officiated. Burial was made in the family lot in Westlawn cemetery.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

Prescott Burroughs and Mrs. Cath-Furbush attended the days' meeting of the State Grange in Worcester the past week. Last Wednesday B. C. Steele receiv

ed a call from Charles Atwood, now in the employ of the state forestry Mr. Atwood was formerly top-sergeant of the 21st Company in France also, manager of Lumber Unit No. 1 in Scotland.

In Scotland.

Clifton Steele, Burpee F. Steele and Ralph Smith are working for Blanchard, Gates & Woodward, cutting lumber in Concord. Burpee C. Steele assisted several days early in the week setting up the mill. Unit No. 3 of Scotland is well represented. Flint Furbush making the fourth member. Leland Whitney and "Roaring Bill" of Unit No. 8 are also there.

John A. Walker returned Sunday.

John A. Walker returned Sunday from a two-weeks' visit in West Swanzey, N. H.

Church Notes.

Last Sunday Mr. Burrows preached in "Stewardship." In the afternoon on "Stewardship." In the afternoon the town was canvassed to get pledges for money for church expenses for the year 1920, also missionary contributions. At seven in the evening the canvassers met at the vestry, where they reported the results, which were very gratifying. The sum received will be announced on Sunday.

Wednesday afternoon the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. C. H. Richardson, ten members being present. The topic "China," was presented in a very in-"China," was presented in a very in-teresting manner. It was voted to hold the next meeting in the vestry on the first Wednesday in January. The Sunday evening missionary meet-ing will be held the last Sunday in December. The box of stockings has been sent to the Chandler Normal school in Lexington, Ky.

The Ladies' Social circle held a ver successful fair in the vestry of the church on Friday evening of last wee about fifty dollars being realized. A excellent supper was served and th excellent supper was served and the entertainment was very good. Mr Pogue, a native of Greenfield, Ind. gave some good readings from James Whitcomb Riley's works; also, very good impersonations, which were much enjoyed.

Boys Organize Club.

Eighteen boys accepted an invita-tion to the parsonage last Saturday evening. Some popped corn while others played various games. Some-one expressed himself in favor of havone expressed himself in favor of having some kind of a club, whereby they might come together often. There was a unanimous response and before the boys went home they had taken the preliminary steps of organization. The temporary officers are Malcolm Steele, chairman; Melville Richardson, vice chairman; Melville Richardson, vice chairman; George Keyes, sec.; Merrill Wetherbee, treas. Various committees were named by the chairman. Their reports will be made and further steps taken at an important business meeting to be held at the parsonage at 6.30 o'clock this week Saturday evening. All boys between the years of eight and eighteen are cordially invited to be present at this meeting.

TOWNSEND

Center.

Rev. A. L. Struthers' subject for the hildren Sunday morning will be "The right and wrong way of doing things." speaker is expected from Boston to ake the place of the sermon Miss May Parker attended Grange convention in Worcester.

Since the installation of artificial lighting at B. C. Cummings' poultry

plant the hens are laying 100% mor Adney Gray entered three of his black foxes at the fox breeders' exhi-

bition in Boston this week. The second of the meetings in the On Wednesday a carload of Holof Shirley Grange in addition to the interest of federation of churches was stein cows from New York state was two delegates who attended the State On Wednesday a carload of Hol-

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creasing the herd to thirty-five. farm is supplying a large number of afternoon. families in Malden and there are seventy-five customers on the waiting list. I. D. Carlton is superintendent; O. D. Johnston, poultryman; A. E. Gee, horseman, and G. M. Colby, herds-

Work is progressing on the bunga-low of Charles Richards, bought o Charles Spaulding and moved to the Cape. It will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks.

Out of all the hunters in this vicinity Clarence LaFountain had the good for-tune to be one of the ten who got deer in Middlesex county. Owing to of his neighbors and friends can testify to the excellent quality of the meat.

Mrs. Sadie Austin, of Cambridge who has been visiting at Sachem Villa

returned home on Monday. Miss Mabel Seaward, of Wakefield, ras a mid-week guest of her sister Mrs. Lester Spear.

SHIRLEY

News Items.

At the meeting of Fredonian lodge I. O. O. F., Thursday evening, the second degree was worked on five can-didates. At the next meeting, Thursday evening. December 18, the third degree will be worked. A committee was appointed to arrange for a supper for installation night, which it is expected will be the first meeting in January. Several members of the lodge went to Boston on Friday to at-tend the working of the second degree by Shawmut lodge, that lodge being noted for its work in this degree

At 10.45 Sunday morning the pastor of the Baptist church will preach on "The greatest sin of Shirley. Sunday school at 11.45. At eight o'clock in the evening Edwin Wells Bradley, the noted lecturer on child welfare, speaks on "What a girl ought to know." Everyone is welcome. Come early if you desire a seat. Chief Sawin, who has been having

twelve-days' vacation, is expected to return this Saturday. He visited his son in Watertown and his daughter in Pittsfield.

Moses T. Hunt, who has been a patient at the Massachusetts Genoral hospital, had another operation performed on Wednesday at the Huntington hospital, where he was taken, and later was returned to his home here. Rev. Don I. Patch, of Beverly, will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church on Sunday morning.

Phillas Bulger, aged 75 yrs., 15 days passed away at his home on Fredonias street, Wednesday, of Bright's disease Funeral will be held this Saturda, morning at St. Anthony's church, with ourial in St. Anthony's cemetery.

Arthur R. Holden, Barnard Holder and Thomas H. Evans attended the meeting of Townsend Grange on Tuesday evening, when the third and would realize glasses would fourth degrees were worked.

Miss Margaret Longley, who is soon to be married, concludes her duties at he Boylston National bank in Boston this week.

The First Parish Branch Alliance net Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. L. Snow.

Norman R. Graves and Mrs. Alice Cummings were two more members of Shirley Grange in addition to the

received at Harbor farm, thereby in- Grange session in Worcester this week

Nashua on Friday to attend the funeral o. Mr. Clark's aunt, Miss Grace Wallace.

Announcements are out for the double wedding of two of Mrs. Abbie Longley's daughters, which is to take place on New Year's day, when Miss Christine G. Longley is to marry Stan-ley F. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. White, and Miss Margaret Longley is to marry Lewis H. Bradford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. be followed by a reception

homestead. Robert H. J. Holden, chairman, and Arthur C. Annis, secretary, of the local Republican League club, attended the conference and dinner of the Republican League of Massachusetts at Gro-ton Inn last week Friday evening.

It is reported about town that the state authorities are planning to keep the state road clear of snow this win-ter, and that similar work may be done on Center and Parker roads by

Miss Benson is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bardard. The next meeting of the Girls' Sewng Guild will be held with Miss Ethel Holden on Friday afternoon, Deember 19.

Mr. and Mrs. David B. Marsh left

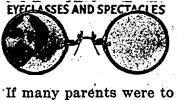
Wednesday for Florida, where they are to spend the winter. Mrs. Viola Bonney, of Leominster, went with Thomas H. Evans has purchased the

Palmer-Singer runabout owned by George P. Hewes. New Advertisements

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors and all other friends, particularly Dr. Christie, for their kindness to us in our recent bereavement, for beautiful floral tributes and every other expression of sympathy. Mrs. Clarence E. Jackson,

Wenona Rowe, Lesieigh Rowe Littleton, Mass., Dec. 10, 1919



visit the school and see how their boys and girls have to bury their faces in their books to see, they help the children's eyes and standing.

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